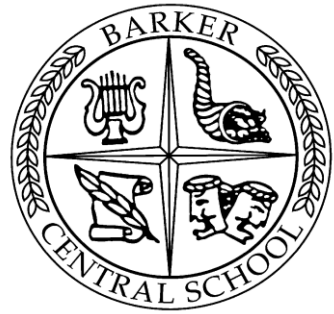


Barker Jr.-Sr. High School

1628 Quaker Road, Barker, New York 14012-0328



Oct 24, 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian(s),

For over twenty years, Barker Central has provided an educational and social learning experience for all eligible 8th graders, providing them with the opportunity of traveling to Washington, DC. This year, your student will be eligible to participate with the Class of 2028.

MANDATORY PARENT MEETING:

There will be a mandatory parent meeting on Thursday, November 2nd at 7pm in the auditorium. This meeting is a requirement in order for your child to participate on this class trip. If there is a conflict with this meeting time, you **must** call and schedule an appointment to meet with Mrs. Love and the trip advisors.

TRAVELING DATES:

Depart BCS Monday, March 25, 2024 at 7am

Return to BCS Thursday, March 28, 2023 at approximately 6pm

APPROXIMATE COST PER STUDENT:

The number of students traveling to Washington, D.C. affects the cost per student. This 2023-2024 school year, the cost per student will be approximately \$550-\$600. In order to secure your child's seat on the bus, we ask that each student make a non-refundable deposit of \$50 to their account and return the enclosed permission slip signed by both parent/guardian and student.

In order to help us keep our deadlines, we ask that student account balances have sufficient funds throughout the school year as hotels and food establishments require payments and deposits in advance. If at any time you are unable to bring the balance up to the required amount, you may reach us by phone or e-mail.

Account balance deadlines:

November 6	\$50 non-refundable deposit
December 15	\$150 total balance
January 16	\$250 total balance
February 16	\$350 total balance

A final payment will be due March 1st. A letter showing the final amount due will be sent home to all students/parents. **If at any time you are unable to bring the balance up to the required amount, you may reach us by phone or e-mail.**

FUNDRAISING:

A minimum of 2 fundraising opportunities will be made available throughout the year. The first is the Thanksgiving gift card sale. In December, Christmas pies and cookies from Carson's bakery, and in January a spaghetti dinner with a basket raffle.

STAY UP TO DATE:

With the many deadlines and various events happening throughout the year, we have many ways for parents to make sure they don't miss a thing. Our school website now has an 8th grade Washington DC page. From our

school's homepage, hover over "Jr.-Sr. High School" and click on our link towards the bottom of the list. This page has copies of important documents sent home as well as an event calendar.

The Class of 2028 also has a "Remind" option parents **and** students are encouraged to sign up for.

Choose one of the following ways to join:

- From the Remind app, click "Add Class", then "Join Existing Class". Enter our code: @bcs2028dc
- Text @bcs2028dc to 81010

ELIGIBILITY:

Every student in 8th grade is eligible. Eligibility is based on responsibility, behavior and attendance. It is imperative for students and parents to know that there is an **Eligibility Policy** in effect for this trip. Please read carefully the information below.

Any of the following behaviors will cause a student to be ineligible for the Washington, D.C. trip:

- Students suspended out of school or have in-school suspension at the time of the trip, or deemed by the school to be behaviorally inappropriate for the trip.
- Students failing more than two courses at the time of the trip.
- Students with 14 illegally absent or tardy. This will be tracked by the attendance office.
- Students with any outstanding balance as of February 16, 2024.

In addition to this eligibility policy, Mrs Love and the 8th grade DC team will be meeting periodically to discuss student behaviors. It is our responsibility to ensure the safety of all students on the trip. It is our discretion to remove a student who has displayed behaviors that could jeopardize the safety of students.

The Barker Jr./Sr. High School believes that this is a fair policy for everyone. Please review this with your child. If you have any questions or concerns about the trip or policy itself, Mrs. Love can be reached at (716) 795-3201.

Any student that needs to cancel their reservation, must do so **prior to February 1st, 2024**. Cancellations affect the overall cost of the trip for those students that are traveling. Students that are removed due to behavior or attendance issues after this date also affect the overall cost per student. Refunds may be requested in writing and mailed to the attention of Mrs.Love. Only money paid into your child's account can be requested. The amount of the refund will then be determined after the trip has completed and all expenses have been paid. The amount of will also be determined based on total costs and final participation. Fundraising money remains the property of the Class of 2028. After reviewing this letter **EVERY STUDENT MUST RETURN** the attached form signed by parent/guardian and student whether you wish to attend or not.

Sincerely,

Jamie Weller & Virginia Hambruch

8th Grade Trip Advisors