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# BARKER SCHOOL SC

# **Excitement Builds for New School Year**



The Class of 2021 was able to graduate with a full ceremony in the Herbert F. Ludwig Auditorium on Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. Family, friends, and staff attended to share in the celebration. Looking ahead, the District is planning to return to five days a week of in-person instruction for the 2021-2022 school year.

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www.barkercsd.net

### A Message From Your Superintendent

Dear Barker Learning Community,

The upcoming school year is going to be the 110<sup>th</sup> school year of the Barker Central School District. It's difficult to look back over the last 110 years and not recognize the amount of change that has occurred across our entire world, let alone here in Barker. For a little perspective, in 1911, commercial air travel did not exist and the Chevrolet automobile company was first formed. Now, we can fly anywhere in the world in less than a day and Chevrolet is making nearly 1.8 million vehicles per year. My, how times can change.



The 109<sup>th</sup> edition of the Barker Central School District was also one of change. Like everyone else, as a school district we navigated an ever-changing landscape as it related to Covid-19 to provide the best possible instruction we could for our students. We began the year in a hybrid model with students attending a couple days a week for in-person instruction, while at the same time attending remotely when they were not able to attend in-person. Throughout the year, we adjusted our instructional model to allow more students to attend school in-person in greater amounts so they could learn to the best of their ability. While we did not return to full in-person instruction by the end of the year for all of our students, we were able to bring our elementary school students in for 4 days a week if they chose.

Throughout the entire school year, we continuously made adjustments to the ways that we provided instruction to our kids. We learned to utilize technology in a significantly different manner to provide instruction. We dealt with the numerous zigs and zags of our national and state governments in addition to the requirements we had to comply with to maintain in-person learning. We modified how we provided extracurricular activities for our kids like athletics, music, and other activities. And the list could go on. It was almost like we had to relearn how we provided every service to our school community. Change is never easy, but our entire school community did the absolute best we could considering all of the moving parts and continuous change that was occurring all around us.

While we may never get back to what our normal was before the Covid-19 pandemic, this coming school year we are very hopeful that we will see things settle down a little bit. Our goal is to have as close to a normal school year as possible for our students and greater Barker Learning Community. We eagerly anticipate welcoming all of our students back through our doors starting on September 7<sup>th</sup> and providing 5-day per week of in-person instruction for every one of our students this coming year. We may continue to operate a little differently due to the continuing pandemic, but our kids will be in classrooms learning from the best staff in New York State.

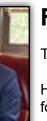
Is very important to note, that similar to last year, things can and likely will change during the school year as the situation related to Covid evolves. We will do everything we can to ensure we have the safest environment possible for all of our students and staff while at the same time providing the best education we can. We will continue monitor the landscape and make adjustments to how we operate to ensure we meet both of these goals as effectively as possible. We will also continue to communicate changes with the entire Barker Learning Community when we have clear details of what we are able to do. As such, please continue to check the district website and monitor the communications that are sent by the school.

Together, as a unified school community, I know that we will be able to navigate any challenges that come our way this year, and well into the future, as we continue to bring out the best in each individual in our community.

I look forward to seeing all of you around campus soon. Please continue to stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jacob Reimer Superintendent



### From the Desk of Mr. Carter

To Barker CSD Families & Students.

Hello Barker families. District employees have been hard at work this summer preparing for the start of the 2021-2022 school year. We wanted to use this space to give families an update on several topics.

As previously announced, we are excited to welcome Mrs. Erin Goodlander to the high school as the Instructional Support Specialist for the upcoming year. Mrs. Goodlander will

be assisting with student life concerns, classroom instruction and other items throughout the year. As a reminder, Mrs. Sara Thibault serves in the same role in our elementary. We will be heading into the new school year with a strong building level team.

Our summer school program was an overall success this school year. We served over 100 students in grades K-4 and 7-12. Thank you to the families who sent their children for the duration of the program. The program helped to close student learning gaps from the past two difficult school years and keep students on track for graduation.

We also hired a number of instructional positions using the Covid-relief federal dollars. At the high school level we hired in a math teacher, Mr. Kyle Sosnowski. At the elementary, Mrs. Katie Snell will be coming in to provide math AIS services. Mrs. Amanda Cottle will be providing reading interventions to students across the district. Ms. Megan Brier will also be coming on board to serve as a school psychologist. We welcome these teachers to our school community and are looking forward to working with them. We would also like to welcome back Mrs. Menz and Mrs. DeMarco, to our math and reading departments, respectively. Barker's staffing will be incredibly strong to support our students' needs in the coming year.

The last two school years have also been difficult socially and emotionally for students. As we enter a hopeful new year, the district will be bringing in more mental health support for our students. This includes a mental health specialist, a behavioral specialist, as well as a school social worker to help assist students and their families.

We are also holding a 7<sup>th</sup> grade orientation for students on Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the auditorium. On both Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> device rollout for all district students will take place from 2:00-7:00 pm at the small gym entrance on Quaker Road.

Open House is Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Elementary is 6:00-7:30 pm. High school will be held from 6:30-8:00 pm. If there are any local community organizations that would like to set up a table to promote their group at open house, please reach out to Rachel Anderson at 716-795-3237 by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Homecoming 2021 will take place the week of September 27<sup>th</sup> - October 2<sup>nd</sup>. We plan to do many of the traditional community and school activities like the parade, pep rally, and others. This will be a great way to reopen the school after the past two years. More details to come.

Thank you all for your continued support and we look forward to a successful 2021-2022 school year.

Sincerely,

Mr. Michael Carter Principal, Grades PreK-12

### From the Desk of Dr. Kramer

Dear Barker Families,

As we start the new school year, I know many of you are starting with a mix of emotions: excitement for the new year but trepidation of what it is going to look like and what might happen. I wrote these exact words last year and it seems nothing has changed. At the time of this writing, we, like you, are eagerly anticipating guidance from the New York State Department of Health and the New York State Education Department. I'm hoping by the time you are reading this, we have it and your questions will have been answered.



Barker is continuing our one-to-one program for devices this year. As mentioned in the spring, though, only 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade will be taking devices home. Of course, exceptions will be made if needed for quarantines. This year, PreK and Kindergarten will receive iPads to use for the year while 1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students will be issued Chromebooks. A huge thank you to Mr. Luckman, Mr. D'Angelis, and Mr. Santas for all their work this summer getting these ready for the school year.

We continue to align our curriculum to updated New York State standards in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Physical Education, Art, Music, and World Languages. Through this process, we hope to provide your child(ren) with the most comprehensive, research-based education possible. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you might have about these changes.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mariah Fiona Kramer
Director of Instructional Services

Tenure Appointments for Mr. Carberry & Mrs. Gilbert

Congratulations Mr. Carberry and Mrs. Gilbert (formerly Ms. Hinton) on their achievement of being granted tenure by the Board of Education.







### **SRO Corner**

Dear Barker Learning Community,

Please see the message from Officer Gross.

I have missed you all during the Summer Break! I hope you all have gotten the chance to spend some time outdoors, spend time with friends and family, and spend time doing activities you enjoy.

I look forward to seeing you all back in school next month, and I also look forward to showing you my new SRO program: Physical and Mental Wellness.

The past 18 months of the pandemic have shown us that our physical and mental health is incredibly important. I look forward to presenting to you my new program which emphasizes the importance of physical and mental health as well as teaching valuable strategies on how to keep yourself physically and mentally healthy.

I look forward to seeing you all in a few short weeks! Until then, stay safe and well.

### -Officer Gross

Also, we would like to introduce you to a new SRO for the District, Officer Micale. She received her associates degree from NCCC in criminal justice and is a graduate of the Niagara University Police Academy. She enjoys working with students to develop their full potential and her hobbies are anything outdoors.

We look forward to seeing everyone on campus soon.

Until then, stay safe and enjoy summer.

### -Chief Miller





**Chief Jon Miller** 



Officer Stephen Gross



Officer Angela Micale

### **Important District Information**

### **Updates to Families**

Remember to check the website for the most up to date information relating to school and changes due to guidance from NYSED, NY Department of Health, and the CDC. We will continue to send messages and updates out using our various methods of communication such as Blackboard Connect.

As always, if there are questions about our plans or items related to school in general, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time. Thank you for your continued flexibility and support during these ever changing times. We will overcome all the challenges that come in front of us and we will continue 'To bring out the best in each individual in our community.'

### **Transportation**

Barker Central School contracts with Student Transportation of American for bus services. Transportation requirements will be sent to all families once all requirements are known.

Questions regarding bus services can be directed to Lynn Walker (716-795-3816) at the local bus garage.

### **Written Notification**

If a family is making a busing change request, they need to submit that request to either the elementary or high school office at least 1 day in advance. This will give enough time to ensure we can meet the request and still maintain any social distancing requirements that may be in effect. A request may need to be denied due to these restrictions and we will make families aware as quickly as possible.

### **Student Registration**

School registration through October 1<sup>st</sup>, will be coordinated with Ms. Rachel Anderson at the Barker Central School District. To receive a registration packet and more information on the process please contact her. The packet is also available for download on Guidance Department page of the Barker Central School website. Once the packet is complete, please mail the packet to the Ms. Anderson at Barker Central School, 1628 Quaker Road, Barker, NY 14012 or send via email: randerson@barkercsd.net. You will

be contacted once the packet has been received and processed. If you have further questions, please contact Ms. Anderson by calling 716-795-3237.

After October 1, 2021, information will be coordinated through Mrs. Kristy Pagan as noted on the documentation.

### **Emergency Information Cards**

Pratt Elementary students will bring home an emergency information card the first week of school. Jr.-Sr. High School students receive the card in the mail. It is very important that you fill out the card and return it to the health office as soon as possible.



In case of an emergency, this information is used to get in touch with you or another designated person listed on the card. Please notify the health office (716-795-9322) of any changes in the information during the school year so we may keep our records current.

Additionally, it is very important that your phone information and email address is up-to-date in the event of a school closing. The District will use the Blackboard Connect system to notify residents of school closings/cancellations and other important information.

### **Provision for Educationally Disabled Children**

The Barker Central School District complies with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and the regulations of the New York State Commissioner of Education relating to the education of educationally disabled children. The District seeks to search out and provide educational programs for Barker children under 21 years of age who may have a handicapping condition as defined by NYS regulations.

Any parent who suspects that their child may have a disability is encouraged to contact the District by phone at 716-795-3350. All information is kept confidential and every effort will be made to provide for disabilities so that the child may reach his or her full potential.



### **District Phone List Reminders**

Barker Central School District Pho	one Numbers
Athletic Office Phone	716-795-3340
Bus Garage Phone	716-795-3816
Business Office Phone	716-795-3113
Cafeteria Office Phone	716-795-3347
District Office Phone	716-795-3832
Guidance Office Phone	716-795-9260
Health Office Phone	716-795-9322
JrSr. High School Office Phone	716-795-3201
Pratt Elementary School Office Phone	716-795-3237
Special Education Office Phone	716-795-3350
Technology Office Phone	716-795-9263



Barker Central School District Fa	ax Numbers
Bus Garage Fax	716-795-9337
Business Office Fax	716-795-3283
District Office Fax	716-795-3394
Guidance Office Fax	716-795-9665
Health Office Fax	716-795-3678
JrSr. High School Office Fax	716-795-3911
Special Education Office Fax	716-795-9437
Pratt Elementary School Office Fax	716-795-9330

### The Sports Page

Recapping end of school year athletics recognition from 2020-2021:

- Female Athlete of the Year: Sydnie Luckman
- Male Athlete of the Year: Logan Harris
- Niagara-Orleans League Sportsmanship Award: Zachary Hill, Baseball
- Niagara-Orleans League First Team: Sydnie Luckman (Softball) and Nathan Meza Ray (Tennis)
- Scholar Athlete Teams: Baseball, Softball, Tennis, Boys Track & Field, Girls Track & Field

Important information for 2021-2022 fall athletics:

- 1. All athletes need to have an updated physical within the last calendar year on file with the nurse's office.
- 2. Fall sports paperwork has been sent out to all students who signed up. Paperwork MUST be turned into the nurse's office by Thursday, August 19th @ 12:00 pm. If not turned in by that date, the athlete will not be able to practice or play until Tuesday, August 31st.
- 3. Fall Sports start dates:

Monday, August 23rd

- Varsity Field Hockey
- Varsity Cross Country
- Varsity Girls Soccer
- Golf
- All levels of Football

Wednesday, September 8th

- Modified Girls Soccer
- Modified Field Hockey
- **Modified Cross Country**





SCHOLAR-ATHLET



Visit <u>www.barkercsd.net/athletics</u> for the latest information about all of our athletics including, but not limited to, sport stories, team rosters, schedules, results, directions, a copy of the student-athlete handbook, and more. Varsity scores and stories are reported to the following: The Buffalo News, the Lockport Union-Sun & Journal, Orleanshub.com, and Western New York Athletics.

### Letter to Parents for School Meal Programs

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Barker Central School offers healthy meals every school day. All students eat breakfast and lunch free, if they purchase a second meal the cost is: Breakfast costs \$ 1.50; lunch costs \$2.20.

- DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced price
  meals. Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application
  that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to Julie Fuerch, 1628 Quaker Rd.,
  Barker, NY 14012, 716-795-3347.
- 2. WHO CAN GET FREE MEALS? All children in households receiving benefits from SNAP, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations or TANF, can get free meals regardless of your income. Categorical eligibility for free meal benefits is extended to all children in a household when the application lists an Assistance Program's case number for any household member. Also, your children can get free meals if your household's gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Households with children who are categorically eligible through an Other Source Categorically Eligible designation, as defined by law, may be eligible for free benefits and should contact the SFA for assistance in receiving benefits.
- 3. CAN FOSTER CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Yes, foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income. Foster children may also be included as a member of the foster family if the foster family chooses to also apply for benefits for other children. Including children in foster care as household members may help other children in the household qualify for benefits. If non-foster children in a foster family are not eligible for free or reduced price meal benefits, an eligible foster child will still receive free benefits.
- CAN HOMELESS, RUNAWAY, AND MIGRANT CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Yes, children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call 716-795-3350 or email (mkramer@barkercsd.net) Mariah Kramer (1628 Quaker Rd., Barker, NY 14012) to see if they qualify.
- WHO CAN GET REDUCED PRICE MEALS? Your children may be approved as reduced price eligible if your household income is
  within the reduced-price limits on the Federal Eligibility Income Chart, shown on this letter. Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New
  York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals and snacks served through the Afterschool
  Snack Program at no charge.
- SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? Please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at 716-795-3347 if you have questions.
- MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT ANOTHER ONE? Yes. Your child's application
  is only good for that school year and for up to the first 30 operating days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless
  the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
- I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILD(REN) GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out a FREE/REDUCED PRICE MEAL application.
- 9. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes and we may also ask you to send written proof.
- IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER? Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with
  a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops
  below the income limit.
- WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION? You should talk to school officials. You
  also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Carol Heiligenthaler, School Business Administrator, 1628 Quaker Rd., Barker,
  NY 14012.
- MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN? Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced price meals.
- 13. WHO SHOULD I INCLUDE AS MEMBERS OF MY HOUSEHOLD? You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.
- 14. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
- 15. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE INCLUDE OUR HOUSING ALLOWANCE AS INCOME? If you get an off-base housing allowance, it must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income.
- 16. MY SPOUSE IS DEPLOYED TO A COMBAT ZONE. IS HER COMBAT PAY COUNTED AS INCOME? No, if the combat pay is received in addition to her basic pay because of her deployment and it wasn't received before she was deployed, combat pay is not counted as income. Contact your school for more information.
- MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for SNAP or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call 1-800-342-3009.

### 2021-2022 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS OR FREE MILK

### REDUCED PRICE ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART

Total Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 23,828	\$ 1,986	\$ 993	\$ 917	\$ 459
2	\$ 32,227	\$ 2,686	\$ 1,343	\$ 1,240	\$ 620
3	\$ 40,626	\$ 3,386	\$ 1,693	\$ 1,563	\$ 782
4	\$ 49,025	\$ 4,086	\$ 2,043	\$ 1,886	\$ 943
5	\$ 57,424	\$ 4,786	\$ 2,393	\$ 2,209	\$ 1,105
6	\$ 65,823	\$ 5,486	\$ 2,743	\$ 2,532	\$ 1,266
7	\$ 74,222	\$ 6,186	\$ 3,093	\$ 2,855	\$ 1,428
8	\$ 82,621	\$ 6,886	\$ 3,443	\$ 3,178	\$ 1,589
Each Add'l person add	\$ 8,399	\$ 700	\$ 350	\$ 324	\$ 162

How to Apply: To get free or reduced price meals for your children carefully complete one application following the instructions for your household and return it to the designated office listed on the application. If you now receive SNAP, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) for any children or participate in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), the application must include the children's names, the household SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number and the signature of an adult household member. All children should be listed on the same application. If you do not list a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number for any household member, the application must include the names of everyone in the household, the amount of income each household member, and how often it is received and where it comes from. It must include the signature of an adult household member and the last four digits of that adult's social security number or check the box if the adult does not have a social security number. An application for free and reduced price benefits cannot be approved unless complete eligibility information is submitted, as indicated on the application and in the instructions. Contact your local Department of Social Services for your SNAP or TANF case number or complete the income portion of the application. No application is necessary if the household was notified by the SFA their children have been directly certified. If the household is not sure if their children have been directly certified, the household should contact the school.

Reporting Changes: The benefits that you are approved for at the time of application are effective for the entire school year and up to 30 operating days into the new school year (or until a new eligibility determination is made, whichever comes first). You no longer need to report changes for an increase in income or decrease in household size, or if you no longer receive SNAP.

Income Exclusions: The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care Development (Block Grant) Fund should not be considered as income for this program.

Reduced Price Eligible Students: Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals and snacks served through the Afterschool Snack Program at no charge.

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age or disability

Meal Service to Children With Disabilities: Federal regulations require schools and institutions to serve meals at no extra charge to children with a disability which may restrict their diet. A student with a disability is defined in 7CFR Part 15b.3 of Federal regulations, as one who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities of such individual, a record of such an impairment or being regarded as having such an impairment. Major life activities include but are not limited to: functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, seeing, hearing, eating, sleeping, walking, standing, lifting, bending, speaking, breathing, learning, reading, concentrating, thinking, communicating, and working. You must request meal modifications from the school and provide the school with medical statement from a State licensed healthcare professional. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a disability, please get in touch with us for further information, as there is specific information that the medical statement must contain.

Confidentiality: The United States Department of Agriculture has approved the release of students names and eligibility status, without parent/guardian consent, to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of federal education programs such as Title I and the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), which are United States Department of Education programs used to determine areas such as the allocation of funds to schools, to evaluate socioeconomic status of the school's attendance area, and to assess educational progress. Information may also be released to State health or State education programs administered by the State agency or local education agency, provided the State or local education agency administers the program, and federal State or local nutrition programs similar to the National School Lunch Program. Additionally, all information contained in the free and reduced price application may be released to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of programs authorized under the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) or Child Nutrition Act (CNA); including the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, the Special Milk Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program and the Special

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Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC); the Comptroller General of the United States for audit purposes, and federal, State or local law enforcement officials investigating alleged violation of the programs under the NSLA or CNA.

Reapplication: You may apply for benefits any time during the school year. Also, if you are not eligible now, but during the school year become unemployed, have a decrease in household income, or an increase in family size you may request and complete an application at that time.

The disclosure of eligibility information not specifically authorized by the NSLA requires a written consent statement from the parent/guardian. We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

Sincerely. Coul Hailigenthal

Carol Heiligenthaler

Barker Central School District Business Administrator



# MySchoolBucks: Registration and Program Information

Barker Central School is pleased to inform you of a service to pay for school meals online using a credit/debit card or electronic check called "MySchoolBucks".

What is MySchoolBucks?

MySchoolBucks is an online payment service that provides parents the ability to securely pay for meals, monitor student cafeteria purchases and receive email notifications for low account balances.

How do I enroll?

- 1. Go to <a href="https://www.myschoolbucks.com">www.myschoolbucks.com</a> and register for your free account.
- 2. Add your students using their school name and student ID or birthdate.
- 3. Make a payment to your students' accounts with your credit/ debit card or electronic check.



A program fee of \$2.75 will apply. You will have the opportunity to review any fees and cancel if you choose, before you are charged.

If you have any questions, please visit <u>www.myschoolbucks.com</u> and click the "Help" link or call MySchoolBucks Customer Support at 1-855-832-5226.



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#### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for free and reduced price meals, complete only one application for your household using the instructions below. Sign the application and return the application to Barker Central School Attn Julie Fuerch, 1628 Quaker Rd Barker NY 14012.

If you have a foster child in your household, you may include them on your application. A separate application is not needed. Call the school if you need help: 716-735-2084. Ensure that all information is provided. Failure to do so may result in denial of benefits for your child or unnecessary delay in approving your application.

### PART 1 ALL HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE STUDENT INFORMATION, DO NOT FILL OUT MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD.

- (1) Print the names of the children, including foster children, for whom you are applying on one application.
- (2) List their grade and school.
- (3) Check the box to indicate a foster child living in your household, or if you believe any child meets the description for homeless, migrant, runaway (a school staff will confirm this eligibility).

### PART 2 HOUSEHOLDS GETTING SNAP, TANF OR FDPIR SHOULD COMPLETE PART 2 AND SIGN PART 4.

- List a current SNAP, TANF or FDPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations) case number of anyone living in your household.
   The case number is provided on your benefit letter.
- (2) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4. SKIP PART 3. Do not list names of household members or income if you list a SNAP case number, TANF or FDPIR number.

### PART 3 ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE THESE PARTS AND ALL OF PART 4.

- (1) Write the names of everyone in your household, whether or not they get income. Include yourself, the children you are applying for, all other children, your spouse, grandparents, and other related and unrelated people in your household. Use another piece of paper if you need more space.
- (2) Write the amount of current income each household member receives, before taxes or anything else is taken out, and indicate where it came from, such as earnings, welfare, pensions and other income. If the current income was more or less than usual, write that person's usual income. Specify how often this income amount is received; weekly, every other week (bi-weekly), 2 x per month, monthly. If no income, check the box. The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant, TANF and At Risk Child Care Programs should not be considered as income for this program.
- (3) Enter the total number of household members in the box provided. This number should include all adults and children in the household and should reflect the members listed in PART 1 and PART 3.
- (4) The application must include the last four digits only of the social security number of the adult who signs PART 4 if Part 3 is completed. If the adult does not have a social security number, check the box. If you listed a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR number, a social security number is not needed.
- (5) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4.

OTHER BENEFITS: Your child may be eligible for benefits such as Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). To determine if your child is eligible, program officials need information from your free and reduced price meal application. Your written consent is required before any information may be released. Please refer to the attached parent Disclosure Letter and Consent Statement for information about other benefits.

### USE OF INFORMATION STATEMENT

Use of Information Statement: The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not submit all needed information, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the primary wage earner or other adult household member who signs the application. The social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs.

We may share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

### DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retailation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require elternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audictable. American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits, individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USCA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of decrimination, complete the USDA Program Decrimination Complaint Form. (AD-3027) found online at <a href="https://www.usda.gov/cesor/fice-to-file-a-program-decrimination-complaint">https://www.usda.gov/cesor/fice-to-file-a-program-decrimination-complaint</a> and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Weshington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) tax (202) 590-7442, or
- (3) email: program intake@usde.gov.

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### FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEAL APPLICATION FACT SHEET

When filling out the application form, please pay careful attention to these helpful hints.

SNAP/TANF/FDPIR case number: This must be the <u>complete</u> valid case number supplied to you by the agency including all numbers <u>and</u> letters, for example, E123456, or whatever combination is used in your county. Refer to a letter you received from your local Department of Social Services for your case number or contact them for your number.

Foster Child: A child who is living with a family but who is under the legal care of the welfare agency or court may be listed on your family application. List the child's "personal use" income. This includes only those funds provided by the agency which are identified for the <u>personal</u> use of the child, such as personal spending allowances, money received by his/her family, or from a job. Funds provided for housing, food and care, medical, and therapeutic needs are <u>not</u> considered income to the foster child. Write "0" if the child has no personal use income.

Household: A group of related or non-related people who are living in one house and share income and expenses.

Adult Family Members: All related and non-related people who are 21 years of age and older living in your house.

<u>Financially Independent:</u> A person is financially independent and a separate economic unit/household when his or her earnings and expenses are not shared by the family/household. Separate economic units in the same residence are characterized by prorating expenses and by economic independence from one another.

<u>Current Gross Income</u>: Money earned or received at the present time by each member of your household <u>before deductions</u>. Examples of deductions are federal tax, State tax, and Social Security deductions. If you have more than one job, you must list the income from all jobs. If you receive income from more than one source (wage, alimony, child support, etc.), you must list the income from all sources. Only farmers, self-employed workers, migrant workers, and other seasonal employees may use their income for the past 12 months reported from their 1040 Tax Forms.

### Examples of gross income are:

- Wages, salaries, tips, commissions, or income from self-employment
- Net farm income gross sales minus expenses only not losses
- Pensions, annuities, or other retirement income including Social Security retirement benefits
- Unemployment compensation
- Welfare payments (does not include value of SNAP)
- Public Assistance payments
- Adoption assistance

- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Survivor's Benefits
- · Alimony or child support payments
- Disability benefits, including workman's compensation
- Veteran's subsistence benefits
- Interest or dividend income
- Cash withdrawn from savings, investments, trusts, and other resources which would be available to pay for a child's meals
- · Other cash income

Income Exclusions: The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care Development (Block Grant) Fund should not be considered as income for this program.

If you have any questions or need help in filling out the application form, please contact:

Name: Julie Fuerch Title: Food Service Director

Telephone Number: 716-795-3347

To be a leader in bringing out the best in each individual in our community omman

# Fall 2021 Community Education Program

### BCS COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM

Director of Community Education: James Cantella: 716-795-3203, jcantella@barkercsd.net

Fall 2021 Classes Begin September 27th End November 23rd No classes: 10/11 and 11/11

Ongoing registrations will be honored unless class has been canceled. Please register early to ensure that classes are not canceled due to low enrollment.

### Special Programs

AARP SMART DRIVER

H. S. Cafeteria

Tuesday, November 2nd & Wednesday, November 3nd, 6 - 9 PM

The AARP Smart Driver™ Course includes a focus on areas where drivers could benefit from additional training, This program is benefitial for an agree minimum of 15 propleture riquired to local chis class, randop attend both evenings to questly for discount. Participants of the course will quelify for a fire our autopobile is surance. Participants will also quelify for a 3-paint reception of their driver's license for previously accrued for moving violations. Check with your insurance provider for specifics. Instructor: George Laskey Cost: \$30 AARP Members/\$35 Non-Members 2 Classes

Checks made payable to: AARP - NOT to BCS

Write AARP member # in memo

### Regular Classes

### ANTIQUE AUTO RESTORATION

Come and explore the various techniques used to accomplish sheet metal work, welding, painting, cleaning and other tasks necessary to restore antique automobiles. No formal instruction given. There will be a charge for all materials used. LAB FEE: Participants will be charged for, and will be responsible for all supplies used.

Instructor: Tom Mallon

\$30.00 (Seniors \$15.00)

8 weeks

BARRE CLASS

Small HS Gym

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 - 8 PM No Class 10/11

Barre class is a workout technique inspired by elements of ballet, yoga, and pilates that focuses on low-impact, high intensity movements resigned to trengthen and the Whit to we are your ments and tight stops (you do it d) in sock (bar fost o ticsal)

What to bring: water, a towel, a yoga mat, very light weights (optional)

Instructor: Molly Burke

\$40.00 (Seniors - \$20.00)

8 weeks

BASKETBALL

HS Gym

Mondays and Wednesdays, 7 - 9 PM

Compatitive basketball for the recent and notice recent pla ensure that all participants save as epigyable evening. We ins MULT BE RELISTEDED TO PARTICIPATE Instructor: Jaren Morgan \$40.00 (Seniors \$2)

We're back!

BEGINNER KNITTING Room 183 Tuesdays, 6 - 8 PM No Class 10/5 – Make up 11/23

Learn the creative and fun activity of knitting: Each week will focus on a different topic, including tools, stitches, patterns and history. You will need to bring a pair of single-point knitting needles and a skein of yarn (any size will do for this first practice session). We will discuss additional materials you will need to buy for a specific project that you will make during the remainder of classes.

Instructor: Karen Davis \$30.00 (Seniors \$15.00) 7 weeks

BOOK FOLDING Room 278 Thursdays, 5 - 6 PM

Classes: 10/7, 10/14, 10/28, & 11/4
Do you enjoy folding pages? My hearth, with you! Please join me for a few averus of page turning functs we put discarded library books to new use and create beautiful page folding art. Plut: Your first creation is guaranteed to be formed from the heart!

Instructor: Mary Dudek \$20.00 (Seniors \$10.00) 4 weeks

BODY SCULPTING Elem. Gym Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:30 - 8:30 PM

This fast-paced class will help you strengthen, tone and shape your body. Following the interval training concept, low impact movements are alternated with weight-bearing exercises to challenge and meet your fitness goals. You will need a mat and weights. Trisha is a certified and experienced fitness instructor.

Instructor: Trisha Mathison \$40.00 (Seniors \$20.00) 8 weeks

CERAMICS FOR BEGINNERS Room 183 Thursdays, 6 - 8 PM

Classes 10/7, 10/14, 11/4, & 11/18

Create functional and decorative pieces with a variety of hand-building techniques, Class is for beginners. No experience is necessary. There is a \$20 lab fee for materials. Projects from Winter 2020 can be finished.

Instructor: Krista Beth Feltz \$20.00 (Seniors \$10.00) 4 weeks

GIVING TREE QUILT Room 183 Saturday, October 16th, 9 AM - 3 PM
Join us as we quilt The Grang Tree a smy Lwai ranging 25 x 35, January from Join Viorgen up to vest using the QC man Truler. Pattern provided.

Join us as we quilt The Grang True a smrt walking ging 28 x 35. / anom from I his Viorgen full curves using the QC million.

All materials, ruler and lewing machine required. Supply list to be e-mailed, runch on your dam.

Questions? Please e-mailtas/ce/Stoll/et: jshakes/@kbos hall.com

Instructor: Janice Stoll \$20.00 (Seniors \$10.00) 1 Class

GREETING CARDS CLASS Room 183 Wednesdays, 6 - 8 PM

Classes: 10/6, 10/20, 11/3, & 11/17

Do you enjoy stamping, coloring and scrapbooking but don't have the time to do large projects? Come join us and make greeting cards! Each week we will demonstrate cards using stamping, coloring with Copic markers, water color, embossing and more. We provide all of the materials to make 5 complete cards with envelopes. You will need to bring a tape/dot runner with refills or a bottle of liquid glue. Dot runners may be purchased at Walmart or any large craft store. Lab Fee - \$12 per class.

Instructors: Mary Kersch \$14.00 (Seniors \$7.00) 4 weeks

HALL WALKING Mondays - Thursdays, 6 - 8 PM No Class 10/11 & 11/11

What better way to exercise than walking! Come walk with us in the halls of Barker Central School. Please wear comfortable clothing and good, comfortable walking shoes or sneakers. You may bring a water bottle, or water fountains are available. This exercise is designed for all ages and levels. Coat hooks are available by room 161 near the art rooms with the skylights.

No Instructor Free 8 weeks

Pool will be open for lat swimming. At all num ope regreered beeded to the late CE Staff Life Guards

8 weeks

STRETCH AND TONE YOUR BODY

Elementary Gym

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

No Class 11/11

This class is for everyone - men and women! Do you want to feel better, get active and have fun too? Come join Trisha for this class that focuses on stretching, joint movement, flexibility, and strength training. All exercises are done standing or sitting in a chair. There is no exercising on the floor. We have a good time socializing and exercising. Trish is a certified fitness instructor.

Instructor: Trisha Mathison \$40.00 (Seniors \$20.00) 8 weeks

STAINED GLASS Room 160 Wednesdays, 6 - 8 PM

Create a stained glass piece by learning the copper foil method. A variety of glass is available. There is a \$10 lab fee for materials used.

8 weeks

WSI Instructor: Bill Wilson

SWIM LESSONS I – Red Cross Levels 1 and 2

Pool

Classes: 9/27, 10/4, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, & 11/15

No Class 10/11

Two levels of Instruction will be offered. Level 1 – Intro to Water Skills: To help students feel comfortable in the water and to enjoy the water safely, Skills Covered: Entening and exiting the water safely, learning to submerge mouth, nece and eyes and breath control, front and back float and recovering to a stand, changing direction is the water, swimpling 5 thet or front and back.

Level 2 – Fundamental A quality Skills/10 gly 1 students access with fundamental skills. SVIII Covered: Entering water by stepping or jumping in from the side, submerging entire head, blowing bubbles, open eyes underwater, front and back glide, swim 15 feet on front and 10 feet on back, swim on side, life jacket use. Cards will be issued for successful completion of course.

VOLLEYBALL H.S. Gym Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7 - 9 PM No Class 11/11

7 weeks

Mixed volleyball for all skill level players. A pleasant environment is maintained to insure that all participants have an enjoyable evening.

Instructor: Jim Harris \$40.00 (Seniors \$20.00) 8 weeks

WATER AEROBICS

Pool

Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30 - 6:30 PM

No Class 10/11

This water aerobics class a difference participants the extraction acrobic exercise that announce cardiovascular fitness. Come firm and tone those muscles through water resistance workouts using rhytoric exercise put to pusic for you lost ructors are certified lifeguards. All workouts will be in the should went of an open and the class size in times to apparticipants.

Instructor: Lynne Wilson and Beth VeRost

\$40.00 (Seniors \$20.00)

8 weeks

ZUMBA Elementary Gym Mondays and Wednesdays, 6 - 7 PM
No Class 10/11

The most awesome workout ever! Dance to great music, with great people, and burn a ton of calories without even realizing it. We take "work" out of workout. The ultimate dance-fitness party will groove you into shape. No experience or partner needed. All fitness levels welcome, Wear comfortable clothes, sneakers and bring a water bottle. Melissa is a LICENSED Zumba® instructor.

Instructor: Melissa Durfey \$40.00 (Seniors \$20.00) 8 weeks

### Important Community Education Information

- Doctor's Certificate of Health: A physical examination is suggested prior to participating in physical fitness classes.
- Eligibility: In general, district residents and non-residents who are 18 years of age or older may enroll. High school
  students may enroll in any course with instructor approval and parental permission, and the understanding that
  no credit toward graduation will be granted.
- Senior Citizens: Senior Citizens, residents ages 55 and older, will be provided admission at 50% of the regular fee to all
  school-sponsored events if they present a Barker Central School District Senior Citizen Card. Non-residents will be
  required to pay the full admission fee. Registration forms must be submitted. Proof of age is required. In order to take
  advantage of senior citizen fee discount for courses and some special events, you need a Barker Central School
  Senior Citizen Card. You may receive this card by coming to the Barker Central School Superintendent's office and
  registering.
- Registration: Mail registration. Early registration protects against having to cancel due to insufficient registration.
   Please avoid disappointment by enrolling early. Registrants can assume they are officially registered unless notified and should begin attending classes on the scheduled starting date. You may register at the first session of class.
- Is Class Canceled? Whenever school is closed during the day due to inclement weather, no classes will be held that
  evening. Listen to local radio stations WBEN-AM 930 or WLVL-AM 1340 or TV Channels 2, 4 or 7 for school closings.
  If inclement weather begins later in the day, listen to local radio stations for announcements. Whenever possible, we
  will utilize the Blackboard Connect system to notify registered students in the event of a cancellation as noted above.
  Please be sure to provide a valid phone number for this purpose. Do not call the school. When a class cannot be held
  due to an illness or for other reasons, it is the instructor's responsibility to see that class members are notified.
  Canceled classes will be rescheduled by the instructor.
- Material Cost: Additional fees will be charged in classes where textbooks or materials are used. These are to be paid by the second session.
- Refunds: Total refunds will be made only if a class is canceled or filled. Transfer of tuition to another course can be arranged where size of class permits. No transfers after second class meeting. No refunds after classes begin.
- No Smoking: Barker Central School is a non-smoking facility.

### **B.C.S. Community Education Registration Form**

CITY:		ZIP:	
HOME PHONE:	CELL PHONE:		
EMAIL: (For updated information a	nd materials)		
COURSES:		COST:	
<u>-</u>		COST:	
		COST:	
If signing up for a SWIM LESSON	S, please include the informat	ion below:	
CHILDS NAME /AGE:		LEVEL:	
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CHILDS NAME /AGE:			

### Instructions:

- Completely fill out one form for each person.
- 2. Registration must accompany payment.
- Registrations will be accepted in order of postmark.
- Please include your phone numbers to facilitate contacting you if necessary.
- No refunds issued after classes begin.
- You can assume your registration has been accepted unless you are notified otherwise.
- Make checks payable to: Barker Central School Community Education unless otherwise noted, and indicate the name of the course or courses on your check.

### PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH.

8. Mail to:

James Cantella Director of Community Education Barker Central School District 1628 Quaker Road Barker, NY 14012

### Questions?

Please contact James Cantella, Coordinator of Adult/Community Education: 716-795-3203 jcantella@barkercsd.net

Please check the
District/Community section of the
Barker Central website
www.barkercsd.net
for a complete updated schedule.

Looking for new classes! Would you like to teach, or share your hobby?

Be a teacher for Community Education once or twice a week! Please contact James Cantella jcantella@barkercsd.net PO Box 261 8673 Church Street Barker, NY 14012 (716) 795-3344 www.barkerpubliclibrary.com

### Barker Public Library 2020 Annual Report to the Community

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BEWARE THE GRINCH!!! Our library won first place in the Christmas Light Competition during Light Up Barker!

### 2020 By the Numbers

2,624 Library Visitors

> 2,080 Library Card Holders

14,802 Total Materials Owned by the Library

1,191 Adult Books 1,529 Children Books

2,720 Total Cataloged Books3,002 Total Print Materials1,116 Audio Materials

633 Videos

10,051 Total electronic material 2,503 Additions to Holdings



13 Total Programs

> 79 Program Attendance

7,645 Library Transactions

We offer Wi-Fi Service, no password required, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If the library is closed, our Wi-Fi is still turned on and can be accessed from outside the building.

We also offer the use of computers, fax machine and copier and printing services.



### Services Provided

In addition to loaning books for all ages, the library offers Large Print books, magazines, audiobooks, DVD/Blu-Ray movies, Book Buddy Packs, and Amazon Fire tablet loans. Items may also be requested through our Interlibrary Loan Program. In 2020, 774 items were borrowed by our patrons from other libraries. We provided, or loaned out, 595 items to other libraries.

E-books, audiobooks, and movies can be checked out and downloaded using Hoopla, Libby (Overdrive), and Tumble Book Library Apps found on our website-barker publiclibrary.com

<u>Mission Statement:</u> To inspire, empower, educate and support our community.

<u>Vision Statement</u>: To provide a free and equal access to varied resources while celebrating creativity and promoting a vibrant community.



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## **Financials**



New York State Assemblyman Mike Norris donated \$13,000 towards our library rebuild fund

### Expenditures - Regular Receipts - Regular Operations \$88.670.22 Operations \$85,175.76 Insurance, Prof. Services & Misc. 13.8% Gifts and Investments 9.8% 15% Supplies & Equipment 3.9% Salaries 52.7% Materials & Programs 23.8% Property Tax **Building Maint. & Supplies** 88.1% 5.8%

### Did you know...

You can choose Barker Public Library as your charity of choice when shopping online at www.smile.amazon.com and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to our library at no extra costs to you!



### NEW BUILDING CAPITAL FUND (FIRE ACCOUNT) RECEIPTS

GIFTS, ENDOWMENTS, INVESTMENTS \$1,247.00 GRANTS \$98,374.00 INSURANCE (FIRE) \$204,852.71

EXPENDITURES
NEW BUILDING \$1,800.00
RENT \$2,400.00
MISC. (NFA INSURANCE CONSULTANT) \$16,452.78

# **Programs**





BPL participated in Soldiers' Angels, Deployed Adoption Team. Thank you to all who provided letters, drawings, and gifts for the young Army Officer we "adopted." William greatly appreciated all our support while he was deployed overseas.





Story Walk in the Village Park



Congratulations to Jocelyn for completing all levels of Summer Quest 2020!

### **Toddler Story Hour**



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(L-R): The 27th Annual Villa Maria College High School Juried Photo Show showcased student photographic work. Joel Harris received Honorable Mention for his submission, "Levitating" while Jeremy Diaz received Honorable Mention for his photograph "Hank Portrait".



# Barker Central School District Mission Statement:

We will provide a school environment that fosters respect, compassion, tolerance, and nurtures life-long learners who make meaningful contributions to society.

