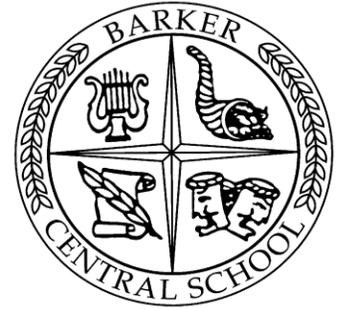


Barker Central School

1628 Quaker Road, Barker, New York 14012-0328



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To the Families of the Barker Central School District:

I am writing to officially inform families of the changes to our 2019-2020 school district bell schedule. Over this past school year, district administration has been planning to build a singular PreK-12 bell schedule. Discussions have been had at board meetings, along with a community input night. This new schedule will allow for a more efficient operation, including the elimination of a bus run, additional academic support for the elementary students, and an easier structure to share faculty across the district.

Below are some important points for families:

- 1. What are the school day start and end times?** The start of the school day is 8:00 am. The end of the school day is 2:28 pm. 10th period will be instituted in all grade levels, PreK-12.
- 2. What is 10th period?** 10th period has been part of the Jr./Sr. High School schedule for many years. Students have the opportunity to stay an extra period for academic help, participate in extra-curricular activities, or to serve consequences. This time will now be instituted in the elementary building. 10th period will run from 2:31 to 3:06. A bus will be provided afterwards to take students home.
- 3. What are the times of the Prekindergarten program?** The am session will run from 8:00 am to 10:30 am. The pm session will run from 12:00 to 2:30. Transportation will be available. More information about registration can be found on the district website. Exact transportation information will be made available to parents in June. Questions can be directed to the elementary school office.
- 4. What about childcare?** The district is looking into a partnership with the YMCA. A parent information night was held earlier in the month. Registration information is being sent home with elementary students. The YMCA will be holding a parent registration night on June 5th at 6:00 pm in the high school cafeteria. The program is dependent upon enrollment, so if you are interested please register as soon as possible.
- 5. What is the bell schedule at the Jr./Sr. High School?** The bell schedule can be found on our website.

Thank you very much for your support and flexibility as we move forward under our new structure. I am honored to be taking on the role of PreK-12 Principal. I look forward to working with all of our families to provide a first class education to our students.

Sincerely,

Michael Carter, Principal