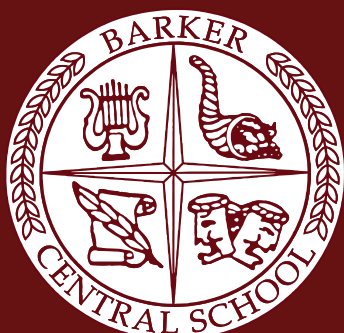


To be a leader in bringing out the best in each individual in our community.

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# The Banner



## READY FOR NEW CHALLENGES



*(L-R): With the Class of 2033 in the background, Mr. Burke directs Madlyn Murphy, Daniel Aguilera, Shawnalee Hill, Maxwell Liuzzi, Erinn Lanighan, Chace Atwater, Riley McAdoo & Noralie Pierce during the Alma Mater at Moving Up Day in June. Students are ready for new challenges in the 2023-2024 school year.*

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Barker Central School District news and information:  
[www.barkercsd.net](http://www.barkercsd.net)



## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Barker Learning Community,

It is amazing how fast the summer has flown by between the graduation of our 111<sup>th</sup> class and the start of the 112<sup>th</sup> school year of the Barker Central School District. This year is going to be one of our best ever and I can't wait to see all of our students riding busses to school and walking through our doors on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

We have so many great things that have been going on here at school and that will continue on throughout the next couple years. First, our capital improvements are moving along very well and we are just about done with our major design work. You can find the most up-to-date versions of the designs on our district webpage under the title 'Capital Project.' Our designs have been developed over the last 6 months with various input from many sources and we think what is shown in these drawings will be fantastic improvements for our students and larger community. As I have noted before, the work will occur in two distinct phases. The first phase will see our exterior work, including the multipurpose athletic field, parking lots, and some window replacement, beginning February or March of 2024. We currently expect most aspects of the exterior work done before school starts in the fall of 2024. The second phase will see our interior work begin in May or June of 2024 with completion of all areas of that work not complete until around August 2025. There are a lot of moving parts in this project and our goal is to have as little impact upon daily instruction as possible. We are confident that all the changes coming will have a long-lasting impact on our entire student body and community and we can't wait for these exciting changes to be completed.

I also want to thank our entire community for the thoughtful feedback and input related to the continued efforts in finding a new name and mascot for Barker. This process was not one that we expected to have to do, but it is clear that the love for Barker continues to shine through. We are in the final stages of determining our new name now and we hope to have it finalized very soon.

As always, you can find a lot of information about the District on our website at [www.barkericsd.net](http://www.barkericsd.net). Please note the website has undergone a facelift. We hope the new layout is easier to navigate and find information for all of our community.

The coming school year is going to be a fantastic year and I am looking forward to another great year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'JL Reimer', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jacob L. Reimer, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

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connect<sup>™</sup>  
**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.

## FROM THE DESK OF MRS. LOVE

Dear Barker Central School Community,

We are excited to welcome everyone back to school in September! We hope you all got some much-needed rest and rejuvenation this summer to hit the ground running this fall!

There are a few important dates to share with you as we prepare for the 2023-2024 school year:

- Pre-K and Kindergarten Meet the Teacher Day will be held on Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup> from 1:00 to 2:30 PM. This will allow our littlest learners and their families to meet the teachers, drop off supplies, see the classroom, and get acquainted with the Pre-K and Kindergarten expectations.
- Welcome Back Night for students in grades 1-12 will be on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. This will allow students and their families to meet the teachers, drop off supplies, and become familiar with the expectations of the upcoming school year.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation will take place during Welcome Back Night from 5:30 to 6:00 PM in the auditorium. If you are a family with a student in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, please plan to attend. This event will provide information to families regarding the transition into the JH/HS.
- The first day of school is Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> for all students. We cannot wait to see you soon!
- Homecoming Celebrations will be held the week of Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Please save the date!!!



I am thrilled to begin my first school year with the Barker CSD community! Please give a warm Barker welcome to the following additional new members of our team:

- Shae Owens - JH/HS School Counselor
- Jessica Bush - Library Media Specialist
- Max Cool - English 7-12
- Kristina Nagel - JH/HS Secretary

Thank you for your continued support of our learning community! See you in September!

Sincerely,

*Micaela Maria Love*

Mrs. Micaela M. Love  
PK-12 Principal  
[mlove@barkercsd.net](mailto:mlove@barkercsd.net)  
(716) 795-3832 ext. 4406



## BUSSING & PICK CHANGES AT PRATT ELEMENTARY

If a family is making a bussing or pick up change request, they need to log in to PickUp Patrol by 1:00 PM and make any necessary changes. Please include the address where the child will be riding the bus to, and the name and phone number of the adult at that address. If a child is being picked up, please include the name of the adult picking the child up. If a child needs to leave early, please enter it under "Early Dismissal" and include the time they need to be excused and the name of the person picking them up. If you do not have a PickUp Patrol login, please contact Rachel Anderson at 716-795-3237 or [randerson@barkercsd.net](mailto:randerson@barkercsd.net).





## FROM THE OFFICE OF MR. CORNWELL, COORDINATOR OF CURRICULUM & PROFESSIONAL LEARNING/ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to the 2023-2024 school year at Barker Central. I hope everyone had a fun, safe summer and enjoyed doing whatever makes you happy.

Summer was busy for the teachers and staff at Barker. Many faculty members helped with our summer program and worked with kids directly. Others attended workshops and conferences on such topics as literacy and providing social-emotional support to students and families. Many teachers spent time working on mapping out their curriculum and instruction for the coming year and beyond. As part of this work, grade level and content area teachers are developing a sequential plan that indicates the order in which content will be taught and learned, as well as the in-depth planning of instructional units of study.

Several of our elementary faculty members were trained to be mentors to any new hires at Barker over the next few years. This training emphasized providing new teachers to Barker and the profession in general, strategies and ideas on how to successfully navigate the first 3-4 years of teaching.

Finally, plans for opening the school year with our faculty, staff, parents and students in September were finalized and put into place.

If you have any questions regarding your child's educational program, or the instructional program of our school, don't hesitate to reach out to me. You can email me at [ccornwell@barkerccsd.net](mailto:ccornwell@barkerccsd.net), or reach me by phone at 716-795-3388.

Yours in education,

Christian Cornwell  
Coordinator of Curriculum & Professional Learning/AP

## BURKE & DISSEK RECOGNIZED

During Teacher Appreciation Week (May 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>), Mr. Burke and Mrs. Dissek were recognized by New York State Assemblyman Michael J. Norris. Both teachers received a special New York State Assembly citation. Assemblyman Norris of the 144<sup>th</sup> District stated, "Students who are inspired by their teachers can accomplish amazing things." Mrs. Phyllis Dissek and Mr. Drew Burke both received a New York State Assembly citation. Congratulations to both educators.



*(L-R): Mr. Carter presented Mr. Burke & Mrs. Dissek with citations from Assemblyman Michael Norris.*



## FROM THE OFFICE OF MS. KORDISH, DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

Hello! I have enjoyed meeting the students, staff, and families in this wonderful community. I am looking forward to another great year at Barker Central School District and look forward to our interactions and communications. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments about instructional services for which I have oversight in my role as Director of Instructional Services: [skordish@barkercsd.net](mailto:skordish@barkercsd.net) or 716-795-3350.



I wanted to share some important information regarding Data Security and Privacy that can be found on Barker Central School District's website under the Technology Department tab. Technology is an integral part of the teaching and learning experience in the Barker Central School District. The ever-increasing availability of online teaching and learning resources comes with inherent risks and concerns regarding student data, privacy, and student work. The District has a responsibility to ensure that student's data and privacy are adequately protected while using any online digital resource for school work. The Barker Central School District provides the following information and resources for parents, teachers, and the community so that they can better understand what student data is, how student data is collected and used, and the law and practices that the District adheres to in order to protect student data and privacy.

- What is Student data?
- A Parent's Guide to Student Data and Privacy (FERPA)
- Protecting Student Privacy 101
- New York State Data Privacy and Security – Ed Law 2d

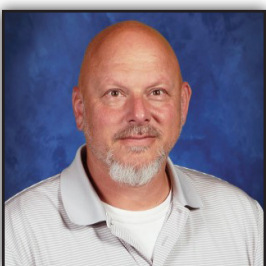
These resources can all be accessed on our website under the Departments/Technology drop-down link on our homepage and I encourage you to review this information.

There is also important information I would like to share regarding homeless children and the District's responsibility to ensure the child remains enrolled and receiving a Free and Appropriate Education (FAPE). The McKinney-Vento Act provides a number of Local Education Agency (LEA) requirements for serving homeless children and youths. The National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE) offers a full toolkit explaining the resources, laws and policies regarding these responsibilities and resources: <https://nche.ed.gov/>

Enjoy the remainder of the summer recess and I truly look forward to greeting all our students upon their return in September.

Take care,

Shelly Kordish  
Director of Instructional Services



## POST & STRONG RECEIVE TENURE

Mr. Christopher Post and Mr. Joel Strong were approved for tenure at the Board of Education meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

*(L-R): Mr. Post & Mr. Strong received tenure.*



## FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

Hello Barker Learning Community.

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year. As many of you know, I have transitioned to the role of School Business Administrator after serving as the Principal for the past several years. Before we get into the busy school year, I wanted to take this opportunity to review some information regarding school taxes.

The total tax levy for the 2023-2024 school year will be \$5,017,125.00. This is an increase of 2% from last year's tax levy of \$4,918,750. After an engaging budget development season involving various stakeholders, community input and presentations, and regular monthly work with our Budget Advisory Committee, the Board of Education adopted the levy and voters passed the budget in May. This increase is part of our long planning process as we continue to build for the future.

The next important item is the tax rate. This varies by tax jurisdiction. Each town – Somerset, Hartland, Newfane, Yates and Ridgeway – will each have a different tax rate. The tax rate is based on several pieces of information, most important of which are: the total taxable assessed values of properties in the District; the District's tax levy (above); and the equalization rate for each town. Please note the District only sets the tax levy, not the tax rate.

Tax bills are calculated and printed by Niagara County in mid-August and they will be mailed to you shortly. Tax bills will be arriving in early September. Tax bills are generally due by September 30 each year without penalty. There are a few methods to pay. Bills can be paid via mail, and directions will be included on the bills. Also, the District has a lock box located outside the District Office doors at the 1911 building. Taxpayers can drop their payment in the lockbox and a receipt will be mailed to you. Please note we do NOT take cash payments for security and safety purposes.

Thank you all for your continued support of the District. It is an honor to continue to work here in this school and community in this new role. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Michael Carter  
Business Administrator

## SUMMER LEARNING & FUN FOR OVER 100 STUDENTS

Over 100 students in grades PK-12 participated in the Summer School Program. The students in grades PK-8 received instruction in Math, ELA and Science. Students also had an opportunity to design artwork in Art Enrichment, play their favorite sports in Physical Education, create exciting projects in STEAM class, and participate in many more fun activities throughout the summer. Several high school students completed the necessary coursework in the Credit Recovery Program which allows those students to stay on pace for graduation. It was a summer of learning and fun for all that attended the program.



*Clockwise from bottom left: Lucas Pipiles, Larry Dent, Odin Manning-Utter and Waylon Dent work on an assignment during Miss Pasquale's 1st grade summer school class.*

## SRO CORNER

Greetings to our Barker/Somerset Community.

The Somerset Police – Barker School Resource Officers hope everyone is well as we start this New School Year.

In this article of The Banner we would like to discuss school safety. It should be everyone's priority to be aware of safety inside and outside the school. If you hear about anything you think may be suspicious or not right please let the school administration or SRO know immediately. The same goes for anything or anyone outside the school that looks suspicious.

Also, school buses will be on the road picking up students. This is a reminder it is against the NYS laws to pass a stopped school bus with its lights operating. Parents, please pass this reminder on to any student drivers you have in the family. The SRO and Somerset Police do monitor driving around and near the school.

Please keep in mind, if you are traveling or driving near a student drop off or pickup area be very much aware of other vehicles and students walking. Drive slowly and be watchful for the wellbeing of all of us.

Your SRO is here to help with any problems or issues you may have. The contact number for the SRO or Somerset Police is 716-255-0503.

Thanks for your cooperation and stay safe.

Somerset Town Police/Barker School SRO

(Top-Bottom): Chief Jon Miller, Officer John Yotter, Officer Allison Parente.



## District Phone List Reminders

Barker Central School District Phone Numbers	
Athletics Department Phone	716-795-3201 x5242
Attendance Office Phone	716-795-3201 x5187
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
Jr.-Sr. 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 Fax 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
Jr.-Sr. High School Office Fax	716-795-3911
Special Education Office Fax	716-795-9437
Pratt Elementary School Office Fax	716-795-9330





## IMPRESSIVE ACCOLADES FOR MUSIC DEPARTMENT

On April 26<sup>th</sup>, the Barker High School Concert Band performed for two judges at NYSSMA (New York State Student Music Association). The Band received a Gold Rating by demonstrating an outstanding level of technical and artistic skill.

On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Barker Junior High Concert Band competed at the Darien Lake Music Festival. The Band performed in front of a judge and scored a 97.4 out of 100 to win 1st place in Division AA. Their selection was a Level 3-4 Music Difficulty. Level 6 is the most challenging that a group can perform.



On May 27<sup>th</sup> at the Kenny Awards at Shea's Buffalo, the Barker Jr.-Sr. High School cast and crew of "Cinderella" won the highest award given - Outstanding Musical Production. Barker and 9 other schools (Amherst, Lockport, Iroquois, Maple Grove, Maryvale, Nardin Academy, North Tonawanda, Pine Valley, and West Seneca West) were adjudicated by 10 judges at their full-length productions during the course of the school year. Ms. Cheryl Johnson, Musical Director, stated, "The award is very prestigious in the WNY high school musical theater world. There are 46 of these types of programs across the entire USA. Carlisle Lipke, the Director of the Kenny Awards program, informed me that, 'Barker is the little engine that could.'"



In addition to the highest award given, Barker was also presented with Kenny Awards for Outstanding Dramatic Performance and Outstanding Costumes.

On June 12<sup>th</sup> a Kenny Awards Presentation Assembly took place in the auditorium. Many students and staff were in attendance to share in the excitement as Kenny Awards officials presented the final segment of the award to the cast & crew. A check for \$10,000 to be utilized for the Barker Musical Theater program was accepted at the assembly.



(Top-Bottom & L-R): **Chloe Duchow & Melodi Murphy** accept the Darien Lake Music Festival plaque, the Cinderella cast & crew win the Kenny Award for Outstanding Musical Production, **Shelby Dauphinee & Connor Dwyer** accept the \$10,000 Kenny Award, Kenny Awards on display before distribution to cast & crew.

## HOLOCAUST CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to the following Barker Jr.-Sr. High School students from Mrs. Dudek's classes who were selected by the Holocaust Resource Center judges for their prize winning entries in the 2023 Arts & Writing Contest:

- Isabella Gatto, 8<sup>th</sup> grade: 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Art
- Nicholas Heidemann, 9<sup>th</sup> grade: 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Writing
- Eva Kelsey, 8<sup>th</sup> grade: 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Art



Students were recognized at the HRC Awards Ceremony on Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at Congregation Shir Shalom in Williamsville. The contest is held annually to help promote learning about the Holocaust and how to promote social justice, civic responsibility, and human rights.

## ECLUB VOLUNTEERISM & FUN ACTIVITIES

EClub members continued volunteering time at the PAWS animal shelter in Albion, visited Into the Enigma escape room in Medina, and in July, along with high school art students, provided face painting at the Town of Somerset Bicentennial Celebration. Sahara Holland shared, "I volunteered at PAWS because throughout my younger years I was obsessed with animals and at one point wanted to be a veterinarian. Despite having changed a few of my life choices, I still think it's important to help out my fellow man and animal in being clean, fed, and housed." Madilyn Detschner stated, "My favorite part of the escape room was when we all figured out the clues and the different, interesting puzzles that the Enigma prepared for us to escape." Kaylee Stoll said, "My favorite part about the Bicentennial was when I painted a little boy's face and he was so happy about the face painting."

*(Below, L-R): Sahara Holland, Madilyn Detschner, Aurora Wass, Faith Bowerman at PAWS. EClub advisor Miss Fetz, Madilyn Detschner, Sahara Holland, Moira Dwyer, Jordyn Kinne, Aurora Wass solved the clues. Melodi Murphy (foreground) & Kaylee Stoll provided face painting at the Bicentennial Celebration.*



## HS ART PORTFOLIO CLASS TRIP

The High School Art Portfolio class traveled to Rochester to visit the Rochester Memorial Art Gallery. The gallery showcases paintings, sculpture, and decorative arts of all eras and cultures. Senior Angelina Broecker said "I loved the sculptures and the super ancient original art."

*(L-R): Phoebe Rignall, Angelina Broecker, Abigail Heidemann & Andreas Nestoros outside the Memorial Art Gallery in Rochester.*



## BROECKER WINS BEST IN SHOW & COMMENDATION AWARD

Angelina Broecker, for her Acrylic Painting “The Air We Breathe”, received the highest honor an artist can achieve at a show. Angie was awarded Best in Show at the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Helen P. Kelley Memorial Art Show of the WNY Federation of Women’s Clubs. The art show is held annually for students in grades 9-12 in the eight far western counties of New York State. Barker Sr. High School was awarded 18 ribbons overall for student work.

Congratulations to the following award winners:

### Best in Show

- Angelina Broecker, Acrylic Painting

### First Place

- Angelina Broecker, Animation
- Julia Cimato, Altered Book
- Kaya Lloyd, Digital Photography Unenhanced
- Kayleigh Thompson, Digital Photography Enhanced

### Second Place

- Kaya Lloyd, Altered Book
- Barbara Jary, Scratch Art
- Gabriel Nestoros, Watercolor
- Phoebe Rignall, Ceramic Sculpture
- Samantha Simmeth, Animation
- Alayna Weeks, Oil Painting

### Third Place

- Piper Brinson, Digital Photography Enhanced
- Hailey Dodge, Colored Pencil
- Andreas Nestoros, Animation
- Rebecca Thering, Altered Book

### Honorable Mention

- Piper Brinson, Animation
- Moira Dwyer, Altered Book
- Gabriel Nestoros, Scratch Art

The Congressional Institute sponsors a nationwide high school visual art competition to recognize and encourage artistic talent in the nation and in each congressional district. Broecker's "The Air We Breathe" also earned her a Second Place Award from The U.S. House of Representatives in the 2023 Congressional Art Competition in New York's 24<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. Her painting is currently on display in Albany.

Angelina stated, "Hard work pays off! I was overjoyed to receive this award! I feel very honored to receive Best In Show because in any art show that's the highest achievement. To be recognized even against every category is just something really special to me. The Congressional piece I made and the honor of getting the placement I did was a special moment for me because of how unique of an opportunity it was to be a part of it. When I created the painting I was trying to portray how through all different walks of life no matter who you are we all breathe the same air. I wanted people to feel how she feels under the water, to empathize with the moment."



(Clockwise from top): **Angelina Broecker** with “The Air We Breathe,” **Kaya Lloyd** and her landscape photography “Winding Water,” **Ms. Feltz** appears with **Kayleigh Thompson** and **Piper Brinson** as they display their digitally enhanced artwork.



## 5 STUDENTS RECOGNIZED FOR ARTWORK

Sara Meza Ray was the state winner of the General Federation of Women's Clubs Creative Writing Contest at the New York State Federation of Women's Clubs. As a first-place winner, her poem was sent on to the GFWC headquarters in Washington D.C. for national judging. Sara wrote her poem, "The End," and created an illustration and photography to go with her writing in Miss Feltz's Studio Art class.

The 36<sup>th</sup> Storrs All High Photo Show at the Kenan Center Gallery in Lockport featured work by students from 28 high schools from across Western New York. Kaya Lloyd was awarded Best Landscape with her "Winding Water" and Moira Dwyer received the Merit Award for her photographic piece "Fall Joy." Additionally, Kaya and Moira received Honorable Mention awards for their photography at the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Villa Maria College High School Juried Photo Show. Angelina Broecker also received Honorable Mention at the Villa Maria Photo Show with her photography "The Fields."

Angelina Broecker and Moira Dwyer through their talented and thoughtful interpretation of the theme "Freedom Isn't Free" were both named the 2023 Memorial Day Poster Contest Winner. The contest is sponsored by Assemblyman Michael J. Norris who presented Angelina and Moira with an official New York State Citation. The paintings will be displayed in the State Legislative Office Building and the Assemblyman's District Office.



Winners of the annual "Freedom Isn't Free" Memorial Day Poster Contest (L-R): Moira Dwyer & Angelina Broecker with Assemblyman Michael J. Norris.

## CLASS OFFICERS & STUDENT COUNCIL REPS ELECTED

Congratulations to the Class Officers and Student Council Representatives elected for the upcoming school year:

### Class of 2024 (Seniors):

President: Rachel Sutter  
V. President: Abby Socie  
Secretary: Lillia Peace  
Treasurer: Emma Evans  
Student Council Representative: Keira Dalton

### Class of 2025 (Juniors):

President: Michael Kalynycz  
Vice President: Wyatt Payne  
Secretary: Alexis Dauphinee  
Treasurer: Ryan Fisk  
Student Council Representatives: Brenton Burzynski,  
Summer Duchow, Evangeline Harris

### Class of 2026 (Sophomores):

President: Kaylee Stoll  
Vice President: Hailey Dodge  
Secretary: Jocelyn Schmitt  
Treasurer: Nicholas Heidemann  
Student Council Representatives: Julia Cimato,  
Barbary Jary, Kaya Lloyd, Brylie Huwyler, Moira  
Dwyer, Rebecca Thering

### Class of 2027 (Freshmen):

President: Naomi Bish  
Vice President: Brooke Dunkelberger  
Secretary: Ava Kelemen  
Treasurer: Jillian Fisk  
Student Council Representatives: Faith Bowerman,  
Chloe Duchow, Melodi Murphy

Jr. High School elections will take place after students return to school in the September.



## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS

On June 12<sup>th</sup> the National Honor Society added 18 new members. Inductees joined the following members of the organization: Lilly Monthony (President), Angelina Delgrolice (Vice-President), Madison Miller (Secretary), Abigail Heidemann (Treasurer), Petra Bish, Natalie Brandel, Cole Carnes, Lucas DerSarkissian, Alexander Detschner, Mackenzie Dodge, Emma Evans, Matthew Goodwin, Allison Hotaling, Emma Janicki, Charles LaGreca, Catherine Mallon, Samantha Murphy, Lilia Peace and Lydia Samson.



(L-R): Andreas Nestoros, Jake Munn, Wyatt Payne, Keira Dalton, Michael Kalynycz, Isaac Monaco, Elizabeth Samson, Ryan Fisk, Mikala Woock, Rachel Samson, Madilyn Detschner, Daniela Salazar-Chavez, Kayleigh Thompson, Samantha Simmeth, Summer Duchow, Meghan Mallon, Evangeline Harris, and Alexis Dauphinee became the newest members of the National Honor Society.

## EARTH DAY POSTER CONTEST

Students in grades K-6 participated in the annual Earth Day Poster Contest. Each grade level had one winner selected. Winners are pictured with Mrs. Phillips & Mr. Carter.

(Front, L-R):

- Janice Hung (1<sup>st</sup> grade)
- Adeline Wahl (Kindergarten)
- Willa Sutch (2<sup>nd</sup> grade)

(Back, L-R):

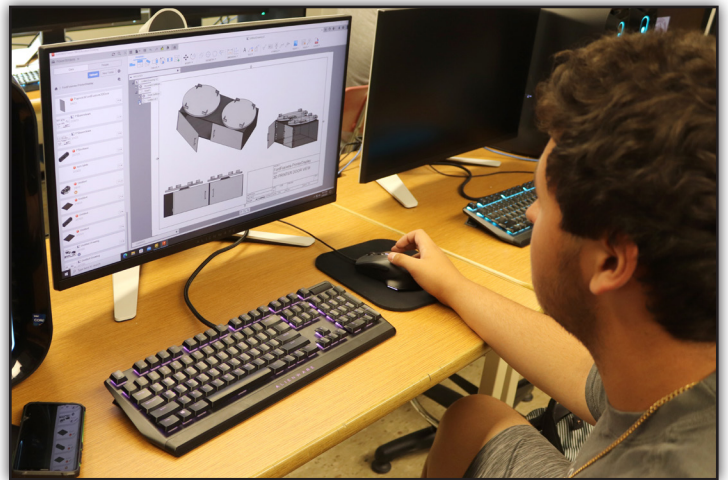
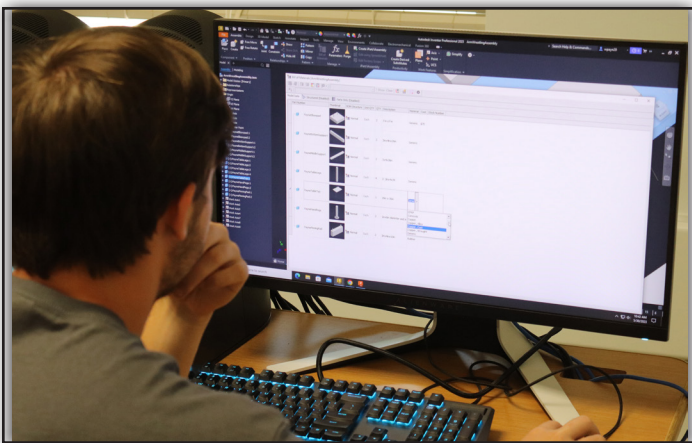
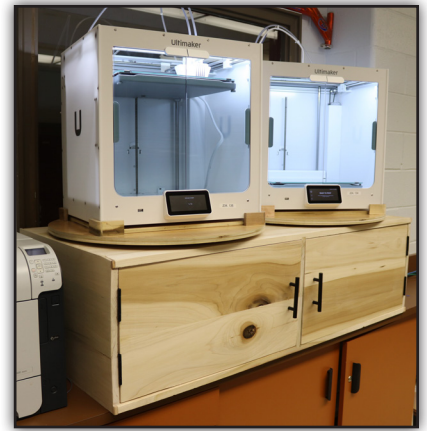
- Amelia Klopfer (6<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Erinn Lanighan (5<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Tessa Seward (4<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Amelia Linkowski (3<sup>rd</sup> grade)





## PRODUCTION & DESIGN CLASS PROJECT

This past school year, Mr. Post tasked his Production and Design class with a project of constructing a cabinet that would house and display the District's 3D printers in the hallway window of the CAD lab. Students in the class worked in teams to design, revise, and manufacture the product. Students were responsible for everything from what materials and parts would be needed for the project to the assembly of hinges, doors, and turntables the printers would sit upon. The students learned about design, ordering, and communicating with the production side to determine what would work best for completing the job. Students in the class were Roryer Brinson, Albert Cimato, Lucas DerSarkissian, Adler Detschner, Emma Evans, Jake Munn, Wyatt Payne, Nathan Popovich, and Zackary Santarsiero.



(Clockwise from upper right): The end product the students designed, **Zackary Santarsiero** looks over the turntables for the cabinet, **Wyatt Payne** checks on the next order for parts.

(Below, L-R): 2022-2023 student artwork by **Kayleigh Thompson** (grade 10) & **Julia Cimato** (grade 9).







## SPORTS DESK - LETTER FROM THE A.D.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I would like to thank the Barker Community for a great first year as Director of Athletics at Barker Central Schools. We had an extremely successful 2022-2023 year in athletics celebrating several championships, winning seasons, scholar-athlete teams, individual scholar-athletes, and sportsmanship team awards. Throughout the past year we also successfully implemented an [Athlete of the Week](#) program that is supported by many of our local businesses including Crosby's, The Grain House Eatery and Taphouse, Harris Farms, and the Barker Cafeteria. These businesses have graciously donated many items weekly and posted pictures within a display of these standout athletes at their locations.

Moving forward into the 2023-2024 year, we have many exciting things in the works and changes in our athletic program that parents, student-athletes, staff, and the entire community should be aware of. We want everyone to know that we are going fully electronic using ArbiterSports/Family ID in creating athlete eligibility. This means that athletes and parents must use the links posted at [barkerksd.net](http://barkerksd.net) to register and submit their seasonal paperwork. These documents will be monitored by our medical staff in determining athlete eligibility.

In addition, over the summer we have installed a 9-basket disc golf course on campus. The baskets have been installed with temporary tee boxes for use by everyone this fall. Mr. Mallon and his classes will be working throughout the year to create permanent signage to thoroughly mark out the course, including the hole number, distance, par number, and picture of the hole. In the fall of 2024, permanent tee boxes will be installed.

This year we will stop using paper copies of our extracurricular handbook, health forms, and transportation waiver. Instead, we will be using Family ID as an electronic way to collect and track these documents. You must register with Family ID using the link provided on the [school's homepage](#). Here, you will find simple step-by-step instructions on how to register, along with all of the necessary documents to be filled out and submitted for your child to be eligible to participate in sports. All future sports sign-ups will be through Family ID and you will track their progress in the eligibility process through this account. As in the past, please familiarize yourself with the extracurricular handbook, which has modifications for the 2023-2024 school year, and agree to follow the procedures and regulations by submitting an electronic signature within Family ID. You will also find a tab to fill out and submit your mandatory health history forms. These documents should be submitted after an up-to-date yearly physical is on file with the [health office](#). Lastly, there is a transportation waiver that you may elect to fill out if your child participates in a sport that is combined with another school or has practice/contests off campus regularly. This will allow your child to drive themselves to these events. See the [extracurricular handbook](#) under the athletics transportation section for all the rules concerning this opportunity.

The extracurricular handbook now has language to include not only athletics but all students involved in after-school clubs and activities, as it was originally intended. Parents, students, coaches, and teachers should look closely at the changes to the Academic Plan, School Attendance, Practice/Game Attendance, and Transportation Policies. These changes have been put in place for convenience purposes and to be more consistent with enforcing school policies, with an understanding that flexibility may be used in extenuating circumstances. Thank you for taking the time to read and understand these new procedures. I can assure you that once you have registered, it will make the future eligibility process much easier for everyone involved. I look forward to working with your child to help them reach their full potential as a student-athlete.

Lastly, we will be working with the school cafeteria in offering a reward to all student-athletes that are recognized as being part of a scholar-athlete team. At the end of each season, these athletes will have the opportunity to enjoy a special breakfast that is provided for them from the Barker Cafeteria. We would like to thank Julie Fuerch for this unique opportunity in celebrating these hard-working student-athletes.

I look forward to the upcoming school year where we will continue to work hard for the community in establishing a new mascot and logo, finish the details of building the new turf athletic facility, and watch our student-athletes succeed in numerous ways. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the athletic department. GO BARKER!

Sincerely,

Rob Mucha  
Director of Athletics  
716-795-3201 ext. 5242  
[rmucha@barkerco.net](mailto:rmucha@barkerco.net)

## THE SPORTS PAGE

Barker athletes and teams received many accolades for their on field and off field accomplishments this past spring season. All 5 spring Varsity teams were New York State Public High School Athletic Association and Section VI Scholar-Athlete Teams, and 3 teams were selected as a Niagara-Orleans League Sportsmanship Award recipient. 1 athlete was crowned Section VI Class D champion at the Class Meet, 6 different Track & Field athletes brought home a total of 7 N-O League titles at the All-League Meet, 5 athletes were selected as N-O League 1<sup>st</sup> Team, 2 records were set in Track & Field, and 10 more Athletes of the Week were announced.

### NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Teams:

- Baseball
- Softball
- Tennis
- Boys Track & Field
- Girls Track & Field



N-O League Sportsmanship Award, Team: Baseball, Boys Track & Field, and Girls Track & Field

N-O League Sportsmanship Award, Individual: Michael Kalynycz (Baseball), Bradford Cantrell (Boys Track & Field, Ashlin Cole (Girls Track & Field)

Section VI Class D Champion in the 3000m Run: Emma Evans

### N-O League Track & Field Champions:

- Bradford Cantrell, 400 Hurdles
- Mason Allee-Castro, 1600m Run & 800m Run
- Keira Dalton, Discus
- Lydia Samson, Steeplechase
- Zackary Santarsiero, Shot Put

### 1<sup>st</sup> Team All League recognition in the N-O League:

- Aidan Voss, Baseball
- Peyton Bradley, Softball
- Natalie Brandel, Softball
- Mia Herman, Softball
- Matthew Ryan, Tennis



### Track & Field Record Breakers:

- Varsity runner, Emma Evans first set a new time for the 3000m Run on April 25<sup>th</sup>, and then broke her own record on May 4<sup>th</sup> and again on May 17<sup>th</sup> to establish 11:12.36 as the new time on the record board.
- Iliana Manning broke the Modified Track & Field Discus record with a throw of 75' 5" on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Athletes of the Week:

- Daniel Goodwin, Tennis (5/15/23)
- Peyton Bradley, Softball (5/15/23)
- Matthew Ryan, Tennis (5/8/23)
- Kaylee Stoll, Softball (5/8/23)
- Aidan Voss, Baseball (5/1/23)
- Mikala Woock, Track & Field (5/1/23)
- Wyatt Payne, Track & Field (4/24/23)
- Emma Evans, Track & Field (4/24/23)
- Mason Allee-Castro, Track & Field (4/17/23)
- Madilyn Detschner, Track & Field (4/17/23)



## IMPORTANT DISTRICT INFO

### Transportation

The Barker Central School District 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 at Barker Jr.-Sr. High School

If a family is making a busing change request, they need to submit that request to the 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 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@barkerccsd.net](mailto:randerson@barkerccsd.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.



### 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 contact Mrs. McKee or Mrs. Watry in the health office (716-795-9322) to notify them of any changes in the information during the school year so we may keep our records current.

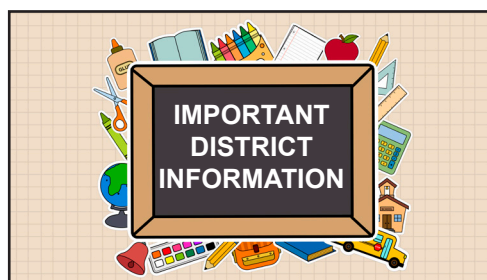
Additionally, it is very important that your phone information and email address is up-to-date in the event of a school closing. **The District will use the Blackboard Connect system to notify residents of school closings/cancellations and other important information.**



### 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.





## MYSCHOOLBUCKS 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 [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com) 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 [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com) and click the "Help" link or call MySchoolBucks Customer Support at 1-855-832-5226.



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Office of P-20 Education Policy  
Child Nutrition Program Administration  
89 Washington Avenue, Room 375 EBA, Albany, NY 12234  
(518) 473-8781 Fax (518) 473-0018  
[www.nysed.gov/cn/cnms.htm](http://www.nysed.gov/cn/cnms.htm)

### Letter to Parents for School Meal Programs Special Provision Options (Provision 2 Non-Base Year & Community Eligibility Provision)

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to inform you that **Barker Pratt Elementary** will be implementing a meal certification option available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for School Year 2023-2024.

**What does this mean for your child(ren) attending the school(s) identified above?**

All students enrolled at **Barker Pratt Elementary** are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at **no charge** to your household each day of the 2023-2024 school year. No further action is required of you. Your child(ren) will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit an application.

If you have any further questions, please contact Julie Fuerch at [jfuerch@barkercsd.net](mailto:jfuerch@barkercsd.net) or 716-795-3347.

Sincerely,

*Julie Fuerch*

**Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)/Provision 2 non-base year  
Household Income Eligibility Form**

**Barker Pratt Elementary** is participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) or Provision 2 in a non-base year. All children in the school will receive meals at no charge regardless of household income or completion of this form. This form is to determine eligibility for additional State and federal program benefits that your child(ren) may qualify for. Read the instructions on the back, complete **only one** form for your household, sign your name and return it to the school named above. Call **Julie Fuerch at 716-795-3347** if you need help.

1. List all children in your household who attend school:

Student Name	School	Grade/Teacher	Foster Child	No Income
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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2. SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Benefits:

If anyone in your household receives either SNAP, TANF or FDPIR benefits, list their name and CASE # here. Skip to Part 5, and sign the application.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ CASE # \_\_\_\_\_

3. Household Gross Income: List all people living in your household, how much and how often they are paid (weekly, every other week, twice per month, monthly). Do not leave income blank. If no income, check box. If you have listed a foster child above, you must report their personal income.

Name of household member	Earnings from work before deductions Amount / How Often	Child Support, Alimony Amount / How Often	Pensions, Retirement Payments Amount / How Often	Other Income, Social Security Amount / How Often	No Income
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. Signature: An adult household member must sign this application.

I certify (promise) that all the information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the information is being given so the school may receive federal funds. The school officials may verify the information and if I purposely give false information, I may be prosecuted under applicable State and federal laws, and my children may lose meal benefits.

**Signature:**

Email Address:  
Home Phone  
Work Phone  
Home Address

Date:

**DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE – FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY**

**Annual Income Conversion (Only convert when multiple income frequencies are reported on application)  
Weekly X 52; Every Two Weeks (bi-weekly) X 26; Twice Per Month X 24; Monthly X 12**

SNAP/TANF/Foster Income	Total Household Income/How Often:	Household Size:
Free Eligibility <b>Signature of Reviewing Official</b>	Reduced Eligibility	Denied Eligibility

## CEP/Provision 2 Non-Base Year Household Income Form INSTRUCTIONS

**PART 1 ALL HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE STUDENT INFORMATION. DO NOT FILL OUT MORE THAN ONE FORM FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD.**

- (1) Print the names of the children, including foster children, for whom you are applying on one form.
- (2) List their grade and school.
- (3) Check the box to indicate a foster child living in your household, and check the box for each child with no income.

**PART 2 HOUSEHOLDS GETTING SNAP, TANF OR FDIPIR SHOULD COMPLETE PART 2 AND SIGN PART 4.**

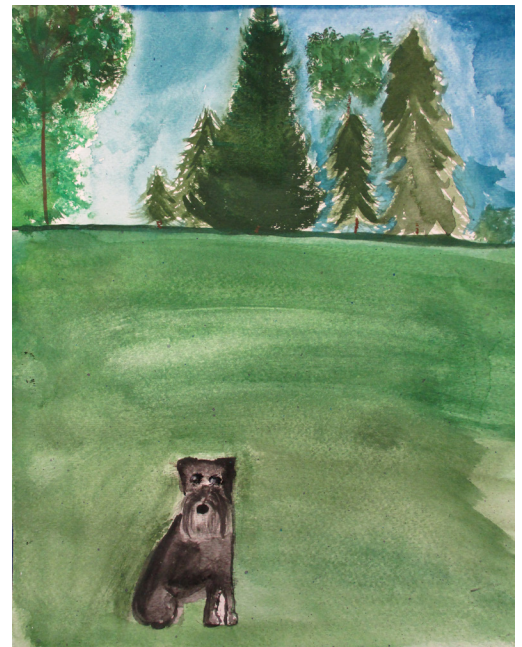
- (1) List a current SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) or FDIPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations) case number of anyone living in your household. Do not use the 16-digit number on your benefit card. The case number is provided on your benefit letter.
- (2) An adult household member must sign the form in PART 4. **SKIP PART 3** - Do not list names of household members or income if you list a SNAP, TANF or FDIPIR number.

**PARTS 3 & 4 ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE ALL OF PARTS 3 AND 4.**

- (1) Write the names of everyone in your household, whether or not they get income. Include yourself, the children you are completing the form for, all other children, your spouse, grandparents, and other related and unrelated people living 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.

**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 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. **The disclosure of eligibility information not specifically authorized by the NSLA requires a written consent statement from the parent/guardian.**

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



(L-R): 2022-2023 student artwork by Hailey Dodge (grade 9) & Naomi Bish (grade 9).



**Letter to Parents for School Meal Programs**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. **Barker Jr/Sr High 7-12** offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **\$1.75**; lunch costs **\$2.50**. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. **Students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals at no charge. Below are common questions and answers to help you with the application process.**

1. **DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD?** No. Complete one Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals to apply for free or reduced price meals for all students in your household attending this School Food Authority. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information as indicated on the application and application instructions. **Return the completed application to: Barker Central School Attn: Julie Fuerch 1628 Quaker Rd Barker NY 14012.**
2. **WHO CAN GET FREE MEALS?**
  - All children in households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), are eligible for free meals. 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.
  - Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
  - Children participating in their school's Head Start Program are eligible for free meals.
  - Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals. Households with children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway or migrant should contact the SFA for assistance in receiving benefits.
  - Children may receive free meals if your household's gross income is within the free or reduced price limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. 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.
  - Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart:

<b>2023-2024 REDUCED PRICE INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES</b>					
<b>Total Household Size</b>	<b>Annual</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Twice per Month</b>	<b>Every Two Weeks</b>	<b>Weekly</b>
1	\$ 26,973	\$ 2,248	\$ 1,124	\$ 1,038	\$ 519
2	\$ 36,482	\$ 3,041	\$ 1,521	\$ 1,404	\$ 702
3	\$ 45,991	\$ 3,833	\$ 1,917	\$ 1,769	\$ 885
4	\$ 55,500	\$ 4,625	\$ 2,313	\$ 2,135	\$ 1,068
5	\$ 65,009	\$ 5,418	\$ 2,709	\$ 2,501	\$ 1,251
6	\$ 74,518	\$ 6,210	\$ 3,105	\$ 2,867	\$ 1,434
7	\$ 84,027	\$ 7,003	\$ 3,502	\$ 3,232	\$ 1,616
8	\$ 93,536	\$ 7,795	\$ 3,898	\$ 3,598	\$ 1,799
*Each add'l person, add	\$ 9,509	\$ 793	\$ 397	\$ 366	\$ 183

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.
4. **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 or e-mail **Shelly Kordish, 716-795-3000 Ext 3193** to see if they qualify.
5. **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.
6. **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 carried over for the first 30 operating days of this school year (or until a new eligibility determination is made, whichever comes first). You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year. If you do not send in a new application that is approved by the school or you have not been notified that your child is eligible for free meals, your child will be charged the full price for meals.

7. **I GET WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC) BENEFITS. 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 an Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals.
8. **WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED?** Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.
9. **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 or who experiences financial hardship mid-year may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
10. **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: Michael Carter, School Business Administrator, 1628 Quaker Rd Barker NY 14012.**
11. **MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN?** Yes. You, your child(ren), or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced price meals.
12. **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.
13. **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.
14. **WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY?** Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, clothing, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.
15. **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**.

**How to Apply:** To get free or reduced price meals for your children, carefully complete one Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk, following the instructions on the form, for your household and **return it to the designated office listed on the application**. All household members and children should be listed on one application.

- If you receive SNAP or TANF benefits or participate in the FDIPIR, the application must include the children's names, the household SNAP, TANF or FDIPIR case number and the signature of an adult household member.
  - Contact your local Department of Social Services for your SNAP or TANF case number, if necessary.
  - No application is necessary if the household was notified by the School Food Authority that their children have been directly certified based on Assistance Program participation. If the household is not sure if their children have been directly certified, the household should contact the school.
- If you do not list a SNAP, TANF or FDIPIR case number for any household member, the application must include the names of everyone in the household, the amount of income for each household member, 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.** We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

**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.

**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.**



## The Banner: Back-to-School 2023-2024

Date Withdrew \_\_\_\_\_

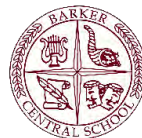
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### 2023-2024 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk

To apply for free and reduced price meals for your children, read the instructions on the back, complete **only one** form for your household, sign your name and **return it to the address listed below**. Call **716-795-3347** if you need help. Additional names may be listed on a separate paper.

**Return Completed Applications to:**

**Barker Central School**  
**Attn : Julie Fuerch**  
**1628 Quaker Road**  
**Barker NY 14012**



1. List all children in your household who attend school:

Student Name	School	Grade/Teacher	Foster Child	Homeless Migrant, Runaway
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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2. SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Benefits:

If anyone in your household receives either SNAP, TANF or FDPIR benefits, list their name and CASE # here. **Skip to Part 4 and sign the application.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ CASE #: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Report all income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you completed step 2)

**All Household Members (including yourself and all children that have income).**

List all Household members not listed in Step 1 (including yourself) **even if they do not receive income**. For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total income for each source in whole dollars only. If they do not receive income from any other source, write '0'. If you enter '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report.

Name of household member	Earnings from work before deductions <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Child Support, Alimony <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Pensions, Retirement Payments <i>Amount / How Often</i>	Other Income, Social Security <i>Amount / How Often</i>	No Income
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Total Household Members (Children and Adults)

\*Last Four Digits of Social Security Number: XXX-XX- \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

I do not  
have a  
SS# ☐

\*When completing section 3, an adult household member must provide the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SS#) or mark the "I do not have a SS# box" before the application can be approved.

4. Signature: An adult household member must sign this application before it can be approved.

I certify (promise) that all the information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the information is being given so the school will get federal funds; the school officials may verify the information and if I purposely give false information, I may be prosecuted under applicable State and federal laws, and my children may lose meal benefits.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Ethnicity and Race are optional; responding to this section does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals.

Ethnicity: ☐ Hispanic or Latino ☐ Not Hispanic or LatinoRace (Check one or more): ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black or African American ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Island ☐ White

### DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE – FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY

**Annual Income Conversion (Only convert when multiple income frequencies are reported on application)**  
**Weekly X 52; Every Two Weeks (bi-weekly) X 26; Twice Per Month X 24; Monthly X 12**

☐ SNAP/TANF/Foster☐ Income Household: Total Household Income/How Often: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Household Size: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Free Meals☐ Reduced Price Meals☐ Denied/Paid

Signature of Reviewing Official \_\_\_\_\_

Date Notice Sent: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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: **716-795-3347**. 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.

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**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).
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**PART 2 HOUSEHOLDS GETTING SNAP, TANF OR FDIPIR SHOULD COMPLETE PART 2 AND SIGN PART 4.**

- (1) List a current SNAP, TANF or FDIPIR (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 FDIPIR number.
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**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 FDIPIR number, a social security number is not needed.**
  - (5) **An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4.**
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**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 FDIPIR 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, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-3027.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

1. **mail:**  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington,  
D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. **fax:**  
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. **email:**  
[program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.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 complete valid case number supplied to you by the agency including all numbers and 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 personal 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 not 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.

**Financially Independent:** 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.

**Current Gross Income:** Money earned or received at the present time by each member of your household before deductions. 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

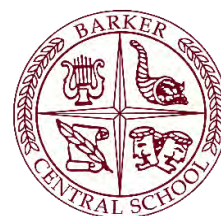
**Income Exclusions:** The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care Development (Block Grant) Fund should not be considered as income for this program.

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

Julie Fuerch

Food Service Director

716-795-3347





## Community Education Program Fall 2023 Classes

### Fall Classes

Begin September 25<sup>th</sup> & End November 21<sup>st</sup>

No classes October 9<sup>th</sup> and November 10<sup>th</sup>

Check website for updates to schedules:

[www.barkerccd.net/adulted](http://www.barkerccd.net/adulted)

Ongoing registrations will be honored  
unless class has been canceled.

Please register early to ensure that classes are not  
canceled due to low enrollment.

Questions? Please Contact:

Mary Eadie, Director of Community Education at 716-795-3110, [meadie@barkerccd.net](mailto:meadie@barkerccd.net)

### Special Programs

<b>AARP Smart Driver</b>	High School Cafeteria	Tuesday, October 17 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, October 18 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 9:00 PM
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The AARP Smart Driver™ Course includes a focus on areas where drivers could benefit from additional training. This program is beneficial for all ages! A minimum of 15 people are required to hold this class. Participants must attend both evenings to qualify for discounts. Participants of the course will qualify for a discount on their automobile insurance. Participants will also qualify for a 3-point reduction on their driver's license for any points previously accrued for moving violations. Check with your insurance provider for specifics. There is no Barker Senior discount for this course.

Instructor: George Laskey	Cost: \$30.00 AARP Members/\$35.00 Non-Members <b>Checks made payable to AARP – Not to BCS</b> Include AARP # on Check Please	2 Classes
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<b>Community Band</b>	Band Room	Mondays, 7:00 – 9:00 PM
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The Barker Community Band has been performing music in Barker and neighboring communities since 1984. This ensemble makes appearances at charity events, churches, parks and schools. It is a year-round course and is open to anyone with a background in instrumental music. Questions – contact Marcia Frost at [rmfrost88@yahoo.com](mailto:rmfrost88@yahoo.com)

Contact: Marcia Frost	Free but must be registered.	
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### Regular Classes/Programs

<b>Antique Auto Restoration</b>	Room 161	No Class 10/9	Tuesdays 4:00 – 6:00 PM
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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 in course.

Instructor: Tom Mallon	\$30.00 (Seniors \$15.00)		8 weeks
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<b>Basketball</b>	High School Gym	No Classes 10/9 & 11/10	Mondays & Wednesdays 7:00 – 9:00 PM
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Competitive basketball for the recent and not-so-recent player. A congenial atmosphere is maintained to ensure that all participants have an enjoyable evening. No instruction will be provided. **Sorry, No STUDENTS. MUST BE REGISTERED TO PARTICIPATE.**

Instructor: Jared Morgan	\$40.00 (Seniors \$20.00)		8 weeks
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## The Banner: Back-to-School 2023-2024

<b>Beginner Crochet - <span>New</span></b>	Room 183	No class October 9	Mondays 6:30 – 8:00 PM
Twisted and hooked! Learn the basic steps in crocheting and how to read a pattern to create your own special treasures! Each class will cover different parts of crocheting. You will need to bring a skein of medium yarn and an “H” hook. We will discuss additional materials you will need to buy for a specific project that you could make during the remainder of classes if you so choose.			
Instructor: Demerise Eadie	\$40.00 (Seniors \$20.00)		8 weeks
<b>Beginner Knitting</b>	Room 183		Tuesdays 6:00 – 8:00 PM
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	\$40.00 (Seniors \$20.00)		8 weeks
<b>Body Sculpting</b>	Elementary Gym		Tuesdays & 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
<b>Ceramics for Beginners</b>	Room 183		Thursdays, 6:00 - 8:00 PM Classes: 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19
Create functional and decorative pieces with a variety of hand-building techniques. Class is for beginners. No experience is necessary. There is a separate \$20 lab fee for materials to be paid with registration.			
Instructor: Krista Beth Feltz	\$20.00 (Seniors \$10) Lab Fee: \$20.00–no discount, please send with registration		4 weeks
<b>R.A.D. Defensive Systems Course - <span>New</span></b>	Cafetorium	<b>Ladies Only</b>	Wednesdays, 6:00 – 9:00 PM 9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/18
The RAD system of self-defense is specifically tailored 4-week course offered by the Town of Somerset Police Department that is designed for women to develop and enhance their options for self-defense. The course is broken down into 4 sessions of 3 hours each and consists of both PowerPoint instruction and hands on tactics. <b>Free to any High School female student.</b>			
Instructor: Somerset Police	\$40.00 (Seniors \$20)/Free to Female HS Students		4 Weeks
<b>Family/Lap Swim</b>	Pool	No class October 9	Mondays and Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:30 PM
Family or individual swim time. An area will be designated for lap swimming. Please note if you will lap swim, family swim, or both when registering. <b><u>Parents must accompany students and stay in the pool area at all times.</u></b>			
Staff Lifeguards	\$35.00 (\$17.50 Seniors)		8 weeks
<b>Greeting Card Class</b>	Room 183		Wednesday, 6:00 – 8:00 PM Classes: 9/27, 10/11, 10/25, 11/8
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, watercolor, 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 for materials - \$12 per class.			
Instructor: Mary Kersch	\$14.00 (Seniors \$7.00) \$12.00 Lab fee per class - for materials, pay at class		4 weeks

<b>Hall Walking</b>		No class 10/9 & 11/10	Mondays – Thursdays 6:00 – 8:00 PM
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. <b>Hall walkers must be registered and sign-in each night at the High School south side entrance.</b>			
No Instructor	Free		8 weeks
<b>Medicare 101 – <span>New</span> Understanding Your Options</b>	High School Cafeteria		Tuesday, October 3 <sup>rd</sup> 6:00 – 7:30 PM
Medicare is Confusing! What are Parts A, B, C & D? When do I have to enroll? What will I pay? What is a Medicare Advantage Plan? What is a Medicare Supplement Plan? What about late enrollment penalties, Extra Help, EPIC or Medicare Savings Programs? What kind of plans might work best for me? This class will help people understand how the federal Medicare program works and provide a general overview of the variety Medicare insurance options available to beneficiaries.			
Instructor: Jason Myers	Free but must be registered.		
<b>Quilting <span>Back</span></b>	Room 183		Saturday, October 14 9:00 – 3:00
Bring a Layer Cake and two accent fabrics to make a fast quilt top. Finish it off with just the binding fabric. It finishes at 78-1/2 x 78-1/2. Iconic by Lella Boutique is a great pattern for beginners. Saturday, October 14th 9 – 3. Lunch on your own. Need sewing machine and supplies. Pattern will be e-mailed after sign-up.			
Instructor: Janice Stoll	\$25.00 (Seniors \$17.50)		1 Day
<b>Stretch and Tone Your Body</b>	Elementary Gym		Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:30 – 7:30 PM
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
<b>Volleyball</b>	High School Gym		Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:00 – 9:00 pm
<b>NO STUDENTS.</b> Mixed volleyball for all skill level players. A pleasant environment is maintained to insure that all participants have an enjoyable evening.			
Instructor: Jim Harris	\$20.00 (Seniors \$10.00)		8 weeks
<b>Water Aerobics</b>	Pool	No Classes 10/9 & 11/10	Mondays and Wednesdays 5:30 – 6:30 PM
This water aerobics class will instruct participants through very low impact aerobic exercise that encourages cardiovascular fitness. Come firm and tone those muscles through water resistance workouts using rhythmic exercises put to music for you. Instructors are certified lifeguards. All workouts will be in the shallow end of the pool and the class size is limited to 30 participants.			
Instructor: Beth VeRost	\$40.00 (Seniors \$20.00)		8 weeks
<b>Zumba</b>	Elementary Gym		Mondays & Wednesdays 6:00 – 7:00 PM
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

## Other Opportunities for the Community

### American Legion Post #425 Military Museum

The American Legion Post #425 has a classroom across from the High School cafeteria. It is a Military Museum, which was started in the Yorker House south of the school. It contains memorabilia from the Civil War through today. You can see pictures of Barker Veterans starting with WWI, uniforms from different wars, books, pictures, and hundreds of artifacts.

This room is a great history resource room for all teachers and students, and the community. Donald R. Coates is available upon request by calling: 716-778-5291 to set up appointments for anyone who would like to look back in history of our country. To visit during a Community Education session, you can also contact Mary Eadie at: [meadie@barkercsd.net](mailto:meadie@barkercsd.net)

## 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.
- **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. Please check the website [barkercsd.net](http://barkercsd.net) for updates. Information will also be available on local radio stations WBEN-AM 930 or WLVL-AM 1340 or TV Channels 2, 4 or 7. 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 and email 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 materials are used. They should be paid with registration unless otherwise noted.
- **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.
- **Rules:** Teachers and participants are expected to follow the Barker Central School District's Code of Conduct, the school's and Community Ed policies.
- **No Smoking:** Barker Central School is a non-smoking facility.



For updated Community Education information and schedule:

Please visit the BCS website at: [www.barkercsd.net/adulted](http://www.barkercsd.net/adulted)

Looking for a new class, or would you like to teach and share a hobby?

Please let us know as we are always looking for new classes to share with the community!

Questions, please contact: Mary Eadie, Director of Community Education  
716-795-3110 or [meadie@barkercsd.net](mailto:meadie@barkercsd.net)



## BCS Community Education Registration Form Fall 2023

### Please Print and Fill Out Completely

First Name		Last Name	
Street Address			
City	Contact Number		
Zip Code	Email		
Emergency Contact Name	Emergency Contact Number		

*Contact information is used to keep you informed of other important information.*

#### Please Note:

- 1.) A separate registration form is needed for each participant.
- 2.) Registration must accompany payment.
- 3.) No refunds issued after classes begin.
- 4.) You can assume your registration has been accepted unless you are notified otherwise.

Course(s)	Cost
Total Due	\$
Check Number	
Are you a District Senior Citizen (55+) with a Barker Senior Citizen Card for a 50% course discount?	
Yes	No

#### Payment/Mailing Information:

##### Payable to:

Barker Central School Community Education  
(Unless otherwise noted)

##### Mail Registration & Payment to:

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

**Questions, please contact:** Mary Eadie, Director of Community Education  
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#### WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS:

This agreement is between named participant on this form and the Barker Central School District (including the Barker Central School District Community Education Program, its Community Education Coordinator, its Community Education instructors, and other related members, agents, authorized guests, and affiliated organizations.) The participant will be participating in the following Community Education activities and/or classes as acknowledged on the registration form. The participant further agrees to abide by the policies of the Barker Central School District and its Community Education Program.

I hereby state that I do not have any ailments or physical condition that would prevent or inhibit me from fully participating in the specified activities and/or classes. I understand that there is a risk of injury inherent in the foregoing community education classes and/or activities. I hereby accept and assume all risks inherent in the specified Community Education classes and/or activities. I undertake this activity at my own risk. I voluntarily assume full responsibility for any losses, property damage, or personal injuries sustained in the specified activities and/or classes. I further agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Barker Central School District from any and all claims, demands, actions and costs that might arise out of participation in the specified activities and/or classes.

In consideration for the opportunity to participate in the Barker Central School District Community Education Program, to the maximum extent permitted by law, I hereby release the Barker Central School District, its Board of Education members (in their official and unofficial capacities), its employees, and its volunteers from any and all liability, claims, costs, expenses, attorney fees, demands, actions, and causes of action, whatsoever, arising out of or related to any losses, damages, or injuries (including death) that may be sustained during participation in the Barker Central School District Community Education Program or while on the premises of where the classes and/or activities are conducted.

I further agree that the Barker Central School District will not be liable to me for any damages, losses, personal injury or property damage, caused by or resulting from any cause whatsoever, including but not limited to the negligence of the Barker Central School District, the Barker Central School District Community Education Program, its Community Education Coordinator, its Community Education instructors, or other related members, agents, authorized guests, or affiliated organizations.

Participant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## Barker Public Library 2022 Annual Report to the Community

Hours of Operation  
Monday - Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Saturday: 10:00 AM - NOON  
Sunday: Closed

### 2022 Board of Trustees

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Cindy Harris- Vice President  
Jessica Monaco- Secretary  
Brian Carmer- Trustee  
Ashley Gradowski- Trustee

Mission Statement: To inspire, empower, educate and support our community.

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



Barker Public Library

Where The Story Never Ends

### Barker Library Staff

Lisa Thompson, Director  
Kathy Price, Library Clerk  
Carrie Wright, Library Clerk

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## 2022 By the Numbers

Library  
Visits  
4332

1,389  
Library Card  
Holders

Inter Library  
Loans  
Borrowed: 1,395  
Loaned: 1,560

15,432  
Total Materials Owned by  
the Barker Public Library

1,807 Adult Books  
2,128 Children Books  
3,935 Total Cataloged Books  
315 Total Print Materials  
1,043 Audio Materials  
857 Videos  
15,432 Total electronic material  
757 Additions to Holdings

44  
Total  
Programs

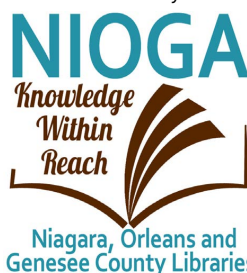
437  
Program  
Attendance

Library  
Transactions  
10,698

## Services Provided



InterLibrary Loan with 21 libraries  
in the NIOGA System



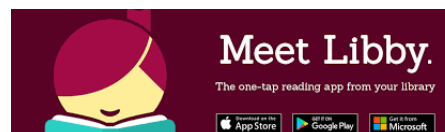
Website Visits  
1,666

[www.barkerpubliclibrary.com](http://www.barkerpubliclibrary.com)



We offer free Wi-Fi Service, no password required,  
24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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



# Financials

Sources of Funding- Public Funds, Grants, Donations and Fundraising

## Receipts - Regular Operations:

Public Funds- \$81,182  
 County Funds \$3,990  
 System Cash Grant- \$2,631  
 Gift & Endowments- \$4,394  
 Investment Income- \$19  
 Library Charges- \$833  
 Other- \$112  
**Total- \$93,161**

## Expenditures - Regular Operations

Staff- \$54,031  
 Collection- \$10,979  
 Building- \$7,145  
 Telecommunications- \$2,462  
 Postage- \$171  
 Professional/Insurance Fees- \$11,026  
 Other- \$1,943  
**Total- \$92,310**

Capital Fund (Fire Account)  
 Ending balance for Fiscal Year 2022- \$646,970

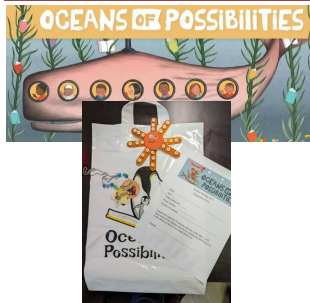
# Programs

## Toddler Story Hour

Mondays 10:30 - 11:30  
 September through June



## 2022 Summer Reading Program



## 2022 Corn Fest



## 2022 Light Up Barker



## Village Park Story Walk





BARKER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
1628 QUAKER ROAD  
BARKER, NY 14012

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**Barker, NY 14012**

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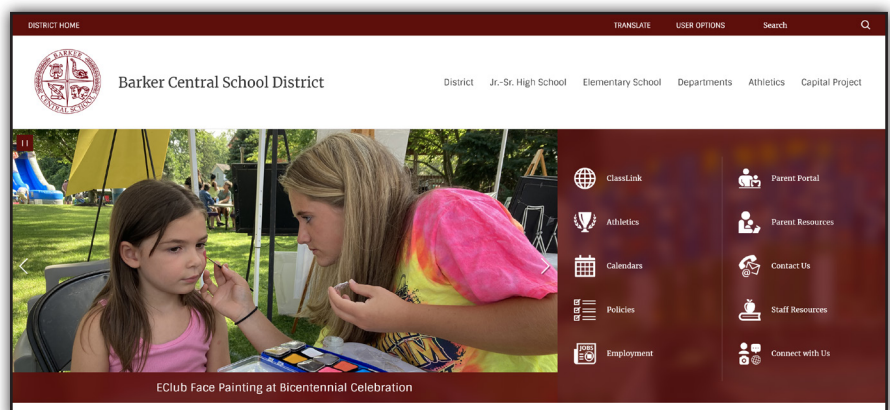
Shelly Kordish

**District Clerk**

Mary Eadie

**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.



**ICYMI: IN CASE YOU MISSED IT -  
NEW WEBSITE IS LIVE**

Be sure to check out the new look of our website. Highlights of the new design include: 10 new global icons to assist with quicker & easier navigation, a multi-media gallery to showcase images and video, and a cleaner look with more real estate on each page.

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