

Barker Jr./Sr. High School

1628 Quaker Road, Barker, New York 14012-0328



September 2021

To The Parent/Guardian(s) of 8th grade student,

For over twenty years, Barker Central has provided an educational and social learning experience for all eligible 8th graders, providing them with the opportunity of traveling to Washington, D.C.. This year, your child will be eligible to participate with the Class of 2026.

MANDATORY PARENT MEETING:

There will be a mandatory parent meeting on Thursday, October 21st at 6pm in the auditorium. This meeting is a requirement in order for your child to participate on this class trip. We invite you to stay after the meeting to attend Open House. If there is a conflict with this meeting time, you **must** call and schedule an appointment to meet with Mr. Carter.

TRAVELING DATES:

Depart BCS Monday, May 23, 2022 at 7am

Return to BCS Thursday, May 26, 2022 at approximately 6pm

APPROXIMATE COST PER STUDENT:

The number of students traveling to Washington, D.C. affects the cost per student. This 2021-2022 school year, the cost per student will be approximately \$450. In order to secure your child's seat on the bus, we ask that each student make a non-refundable deposit of \$50 to their account and return the enclosed permission slip signed by both parent/guardian and student. Those that **currently** have a fundraising balance of \$200 or more, DO NOT need to provide a deposit.

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

Account balance deadlines:	October 29	\$50 deposit
	December 3	\$125
	January 14	\$250
	February 25	\$325

A final payment will be due on March 25. A letter showing the final amount due will be sent home to all students/parents prior to this date. If at any time you are unable to bring the balance up to the required amount, you may reach us by phone or e-mail.

Currently, 'Student Name' has an account balance of **\$0.00**

A minimum of 2 fundraising opportunities will be made available throughout the year. More information will be sent home through "Remind". **Please make all checks payable to the Class of 2026.**

STAY UP TO DATE:

With the many deadlines and various events happening throughout the year, we have many ways for parents to make sure they don't miss a thing. Our school website now has an 8th grade page. From our school's homepage, hover over "Jr./Sr. High School" and click on our link towards the bottom of the list. This page has copies of important documents sent home as well as an event calendar. The Class of 2026 also has a "Remind" option parents and students can sign up for. If you have not already signed up, instructions have been included on a separate sheet for your convenience.

ELIGIBILITY:

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

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

- Student suspended out of school for any reason beginning September 7, 2021, or deemed by the school to be behaviorally inappropriate for the trip.
- Students with 14 illegally absent or tardy. This will be tracked by the attendance office.
- Students with any outstanding balance as of March 25, 2022.

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

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

Any student that needs to cancel their reservation, must do so prior to March 1st, 2022. Cancellations affect the overall cost of the trip for those students that are traveling. Students that are removed due to behavior or attendance issues after this date also affect the overall cost per student. Refunds may be requested in writing and mailed to the attention of Mr. Carter. Only money paid into your child's account can be requested. The amount of the refund will then be determined after the trip has completed and all expenses have been paid. The amount of will also be determined based on total costs and final participation. Fundraising money remains the property of the Class of 2026. After reviewing this letter **EVERY STUDENT MUST RETURN** the attached form signed by parent/guardian and student whether you wish to attend or not.

Sincerely,

Michael Carter

Michael Carter
Barker Central School District Principal