



# Athletics News & Notes

## Barker Coach Receives Highest Sportsmanship Honor from Section VI

On August 27<sup>th</sup> Barker's Mr. William Wilson will be recognized by Section VI as the Niagara-Orleans Sportsmanship Coach of the Year. For more than 30 years Mr. Wilson has served as an outstanding role model for our student-athletes and the entire Raider coaching staff. Coach Wilson exemplifies courtesy, respect, and sportsmanship. For more than three decades Mr. Wilson has been an ambassador of sportsmanship throughout the Niagara-Orleans Athletic League and Section VI Athletics. Over the years, his teams have displayed the best sportsmanship practices and they have been recognized on many occasions as the Niagara-Orleans Athletic League Sportsmanship Award Recipient. Whether it is his students in his science class or his athletes on the soccer field, cross-country course, track, or pool, Mr. Wilson always makes sure his students "do the right thing". Congratulations Coach Wilson!



## Important District Information



### Student Absences and Truancy

Students are expected to be in school daily and on time. At the request of the principal, frequent telephone calls to parents are made to check on suspected truancy. A student is considered truant when he or she is absent or tardy without parent or school permission or knowledge.



Student absence without the knowledge and consent of the parent is considered truancy. Truancy is a violation of New York State Law and is subject to disciplinary measures imposed both by the school and Family Court.

Students who are absent from school excessively, late to school, or leave early due to illness or lack of responsibility are NOT eligible to attend after school events as participants or spectators. This includes all sports, clubs, banquets, ceremonies, concerts, etc. If students arrive late, they should report to the office immediately, turn in a note from their parent or guardian for tardiness and get a late slip to take to class.

REMINDER: All notes must be received within 24 hours of a student's return to school.



Students had a fun filled day at Fantasy Island over the summer.

### Need to Change Your Child's Bus Schedule?

When children go somewhere other than home after school, or are picked up at the campus during or

after school, please follow this procedure:

- Put it in writing – Written notification MUST be sent to school with the child, giving the time he or she will be picked up or the home where the child will be going. (The office has had problems with telephone requests due to the inability to identify the person calling. With custody disputes and child abduction cases a possibility, written permission is a better way to handle these requests.) THE NOTE MUST BE SIGNED. It will become a document of record which Barker Central School is required to keep. The office will issue a blue slip for the teacher and bus driver.
- Blue Slips – Blue slips for bus changes, early dismissals and the like will be written for students who bring in a note from their parent or guardian. Be sure to include appropriate information that will help school personnel ensure that every child is properly accounted for and sent on the proper bus to the designated address on the correct day.
- Elementary students need a note to walk or bike to school. If you want your elementary school children to walk or ride their bicycles to and from school, please have them bring a note to the elementary office. Please remember that New York State Law requires that children under age 15 wear approved safety helmets when riding their bicycles.

