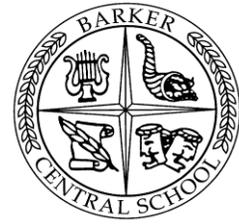


Barker Central School

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October 2024

Dear Barker District Families:

In our ongoing effort to create the safest learning environment for our students and faculty, the district is planning to conduct a full-campus evacuation drill. This will result in all students and faculty leaving campus and then dismissing to go home from an off-site location. This drill has been in planning for several months in coordination with local law enforcement and the fire department.

Here are the essential details:

1. The date is Thursday, October 10.
2. The evacuation from campus will occur around 1:35 pm.
3. All elementary students (PreK-6) will evacuate to Faith United Methodist, across Quaker Road from Campus. All Jr./Sr. High School students (7-12) will evacuate to the Barker Fire Department.
4. Buses will pick up elementary students first, and then pick up high school students.
5. Please note that regular driving access to some of these nearby roads may be blocked by law enforcement/fire department for a certain period of time due to this drill.
6. If you plan on picking your child up early on this day, it must occur prior to 12:45 PM. **Elementary students should have their early pickup noted in Pickup Patrol no later than 11:00 AM.** Jr./Sr. High School students should have a note sent to the main office by 11:00 AM.
7. Students who walk or bike will be permitted to go home after the completion of the drill at both sites. Students with bikes will need to return to campus to retrieve them.
8. Student drivers in the high school will take part in the drill. They will return to campus after the drill is complete. High school students who drive elementary siblings home can do so at this time. **Please mark this in Pickup Patrol for elementary students.** Elementary students will be walked back to the HS to meet their siblings at the main office if they are driving home. Please be sure your children are aware of this procedure.
9. Athletes and student drivers will walk back to the building as a group to be dismissed at the end of the drill. We will still have our normal 3:15 and 5:00 PM bus runs for athletes and BOCES students.
10. Please note that the exact departure time of our buses may be affected; therefore, students might be getting home a little earlier or later on this date.

11. If you normally pick your child up at the end of the day and plan to do so on this date, safety enforcement will not permit parents/cars onto either site until the dismissal of students at each site.

a. Elementary student pickup will occur after all buses have departed the church at approximately 2:20 PM. Cars will enter the church lot via the Haight Rd. entrance. Again, no cars will be permitted until all buses have departed. Cars should not line up in advance in any district parking lots either. Please do not show up early.

b. High school student pickups by parents will occur after all buses have departed the fire department, at approximately 2:30 PM. Again, no cars will be permitted onto the fire department grounds until all buses have left. Please do not show up early.

12. Any phone calls to our school offices during the drill will be rerouted to the superintendent's office. Please understand that parents will not be able to directly contact the off-site locations during the drill.

13. This drill will take place, rain or shine. In the event of extreme weather (ie: thunder & lightning and downpours) then it will be cancelled and rescheduled for another time.

We also would like to give a very big thanks to the Barker Safety Team, Somerset Police Department, Barker Fire Department, and the Faith United Church with their assistance planning this event. Please talk to your children about this drill and the importance of practicing safety procedures and let their teachers or counselors know if they need any SEL support regarding the drill. Please contact us if you have any questions about this drill. We thank you for your continued support of Barker Central School District and the safety of our school community.

Sincerely,

Micaela Love

Dr. Micaela Love

District Principal, PK-12