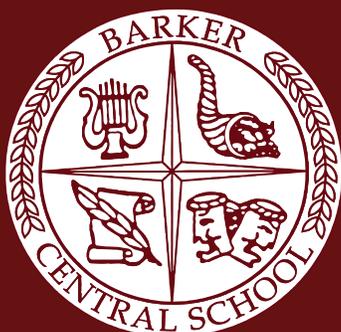
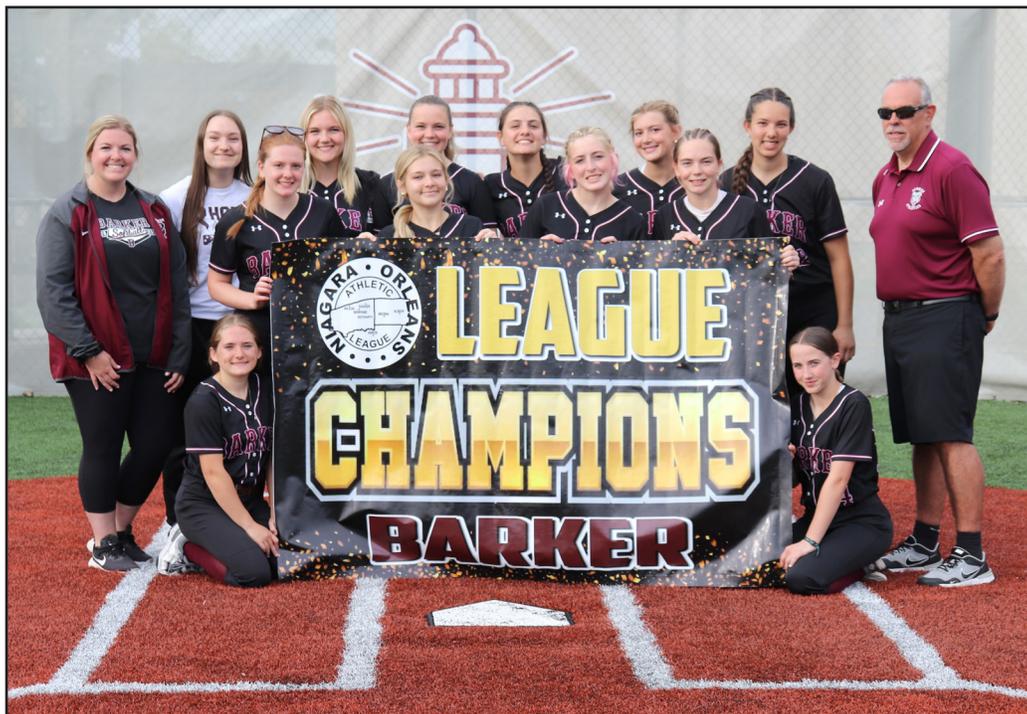


# The Banner



## Softball League Championship Repeat

The Varsity Softball defended its 2024 Niagara-Orleans League championship with a 10-2 regular season record and was crowned co-champions in 2025.



**2025 N-O League Softball Co-Champions** (*Front, L-R*): Kaylee Stoll, Aine Davis. (*Back, L-R*): Co-Coach Aileen Gilbert, Naomi Bish, Madelina Pavlock, Brooke Dunkelberger, Lillyana Reyes, Fallyn Mescall, Elise Monaco, Lexi Brazzell, Peyton Bradley, Madyson Flint, Alina Riches, and Co-Coach Bill Moeller.

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[www.barkercsd.net](http://www.barkercsd.net)



## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Barker Learning Community,

Welcome back to what promises to be another exciting and enriching school year at Barker Central School District! As we begin our **114<sup>th</sup> year of educational excellence**, I want to extend a heartfelt welcome to all our students, families, faculty, and staff. As we open our doors once again, I am filled with pride and gratitude for the incredible progress, achievements, and spirit that define our District. Whether you are returning or joining us for the first time, we are thrilled to have you as part of our vibrant learning community.

The 2024-2025 school year was such a great year that saw our students continue to achieve at amazing levels. Last year, Barker students demonstrated strong performance across state assessments and our graduation rate remains among the best in the region. Our focus on personalized learning, critical thinking, and real-world application is helping students thrive both in and beyond the classroom.

Many students across the district celebrated a strong showing not just in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter last year, but throughout the year earning various levels of academic distinction and honor rolls. These accomplishments reflect the dedication of our students, the support of their families, and the tireless efforts of our entire instructional staff.

We are also proud of our continued commitment to curriculum development and professional learning, ensuring that our instructional practices remain innovative, inclusive, and aligned with 21<sup>st</sup>-century skills.

Our students also have continued to achieve at high levels in activities outside of the classroom. Our student athletes excel in many areas and we are looking forward to being the host school for more of our fall sports, including football and girls soccer for the upcoming year. Additionally, our High School Band earned a Gold Rating at the NYSSMA Majors Competition held at Spencerport High School in April 2025—a testament to their talent and dedication. We cannot wait to see what our students do in the 2025-2026 school year in these and other areas!

We are also pleased to share that our ongoing capital project is progressing, albeit a little slower than we would like. This initiative is transforming our facilities to support a better learning environment for our students. Over the spring and summer, we completed several key upgrades, including:

- Modernized classroom spaces with enhanced lighting and ventilation
- Upgraded safety and security systems, including a new secure entry point for the campus.
- Renovations to our technology and STEM classrooms (these specific areas will not be done until after school starts.)

These improvements reflect our commitment to providing a safe, inspiring, and future-ready environment for all students.

As we get closer to bringing students back for this new school year, I encourage everyone to stay connected, get involved, and continue fostering the spirit of collaboration that makes Barker so special. Together, we will ensure that every student is known, supported, and inspired to reach their full potential.

Here's to a fantastic 2025-2026 school year.

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

## FROM THE DESK OF MR. CARTER

Hello Barker Learning Community. Below is information about the voter-approved tax levy as well as details on paying property taxes.

The total tax levy for the 2025-2026 school year will be \$5,283,993, representing a 2.45% increase from last school year. Please understand that this does not mean your individual property tax bill will increase by the same percentage. This is due to each town's property valuations.



Tax bills are calculated and printed by Niagara County in mid-August and they will be mailed to you at the end of August. Please note the following when paying your tax bill:

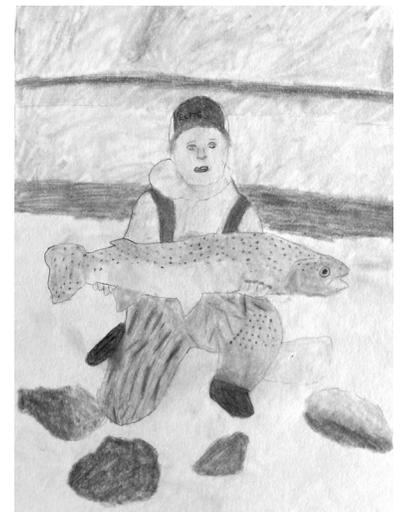
1. Tax payments are due by September 30<sup>th</sup> without penalty. Payments are still accepted through October 31<sup>st</sup>, but there is a late penalty applied after September 30<sup>th</sup>.
2. The best way to pay your tax bill is to drop off your payment at the lock box outside of the District office doors. This is at the parking lot at the corner of Quaker and Haight roads. At the right is a picture of the lockbox. This is checked several times a day and is the fastest way to ensure the District receives your payment.
3. You may also mail it to the PO box number that will be issued on your bill. However, please be aware of any delays that could occur with the postal service.
4. It can take up to 2-3 weeks to process your payment and bill. The reason for this is that we process all of our tax bills here in the district to save money. Many other districts contract this work out to a bank for an additional fee. We kindly ask that you hold any calls inquiring about the status of your tax payment for this duration.
5. Taxpayers can always check the status of their tax bill online at [totalcollectionsolution.com/site/login](http://totalcollectionsolution.com/site/login). The username is "barker" and the password is "14012".
6. We do not accept cash payments for security and safety purposes.



More information regarding the approved budget and tax levy can be found on the District website under the "Business Office" section. Thank you for your continued support of the District.

Sincerely,  
Michael Carter  
Business Administrator  
[mcarter@barkercsd.net](mailto:mcarter@barkercsd.net)

*Student artwork (L-R): Drew LaGreca - Drawing. Peyton Hirschman - Drawing.*



## FROM THE DESK OF MR. CORNWELL

Welcome back to the 2025-2026 school year at Barker Central. I hope everyone had a fun, safe summer and enjoyed doing whatever makes you happy.

Over the past few years, our students at Barker have thrived in their academic achievements. Proficiency rates on Regents exams at the secondary level hover around the 85-100% range with mastery rates (earning a score of 85 or higher on the exam) in the 35-45% range. It is numbers like these that have helped Barker rank high in comparison to other schools in Niagara and Orleans counties. Our graduation rate has also remained consistently strong, with nearly 40% of the Class of 2025 earning a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation. 11 of our recent graduates earned the Seal of Biliteracy, while 10 graduates became the first students from Barker to earn the Seal of Civic Readiness. These designations from New York State highlight the individualized opportunities that Barker can provide to its students.



Our faculty have also continued to utilize a data-driven instructional process that focuses on analyzing data in a clear, consistent manner to guide their instruction and keep student learning at the forefront of all that we do. In terms of professional development for the upcoming year, some areas of focus are on learning best practice strategies for helping students who may be at risk due to trauma that they have experienced, as well as preparing to implement new practices that reflect the changes that NYS is making to graduation requirements over the next several years. Continuing to incorporate the literacy and numeracy initiatives that NYS has also begun will impact our work at Barker.

As we finalize our preparations for the upcoming school year, Barker remains committed to the following goals:

1. Increase Student Engagement in the Learning Process,
2. To improve Literacy for all Learners to be prepared for the 21st century, and
3. Improve Instructional Outcomes for all students.

Thank you for your continued support of Barker Central School District. Our students, faculty, and staff can't thank you enough!!

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@barkerbsd.net](mailto:ccornwell@barkerbsd.net), or reach me by phone at 716-795-3388.

Yours in education,  
Christian Cornwell  
Coordinator of Curriculum & Professional Learning/AP  
[ccornwell@barkerbsd.net](mailto:ccornwell@barkerbsd.net)  
716-795-3388





## FROM THE DESK OF MRS. LINGLE

Dear Barker Community,

I am honored to introduce myself as the new Assistant Principal at Barker Central Schools. My name is Deb Lingle, and I am thrilled to join this dedicated and close-knit school community. I look forward to working in partnership with students, families, staff, and the wider Barker community to continue supporting an environment where all students can thrive.

I bring with me over 17 years of experience in education. I began my career as a special education teacher, and that foundation continues to inform my approach—centered around empathy, equity, and high expectations for all learners. Most recently, I have served in administrative roles in which I was able to serve a wide range of students, staff, and families.

I am deeply committed to student success, staff collaboration, and fostering a safe and inclusive school culture. I believe that strong relationships are the foundation of a great school, and I am excited to begin building those relationships here in Barker.

Thank you for welcoming me into your community. I look forward to meeting many of you in the coming weeks and working together to support the continued excellence of Barker Central Schools.

Warm regards,  
Deb Lingle  
Assistant Principal  
dlingle@barkercsd.net  
716-795-3600



*Student artwork (Clockwise from upper left):  
Lauren Zglinicki - Painting, Douglas Kennedy - Colored Pencil Drawing, Sophia Pavlock - Acrylic Painting, Brionikah Mussel - Printmaking, Ava Crenshaw - Painting.*

## FROM THE DESK OF DR. LOVE

Dear Barker Families,

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year! We are thrilled to begin another exciting year of learning, growth, and community at Barker Central School. As we kick off this new learning season, please take note of the important updates and enhancements that will shape this school year.



### Upcoming Events and Important Dates

- Welcome Back Open House  
Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> | 5:30-7:00 PM  
Join us to meet teachers, explore classrooms, and see the newly renovated library media center!
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation  
Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> | 5:30-6:00 PM in the Auditorium  
An overview of expectations, schedules, and tips for a successful transition to Junior High.
- Pre-K and Kindergarten Welcome Day  
Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> | 1:00-2:30 PM in the Elementary Cafeteria  
Families and our youngest learners are invited to visit classrooms, meet staff, and get comfortable before the first day of school.
- First Day of School  
Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Elementary families: Please ensure that arrival and dismissal information is updated in PickUp Patrol before the first day.
  - Grades 7-12: Students may stay for 10<sup>th</sup> period at the end of the day for academic support, clubs, or detention. We are expecting that students have parent/guardian permission for any after-school plans or late transportation needs.
- Homecoming Week  
Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> - Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>  
There will be dress-up days, 10<sup>th</sup> Period Activities for JH/HS, Field Hockey game on Thursday Night, Parade and Football game on Friday night, Soccer game during the day on Saturday, and a dance on Saturday night for students in grades 9-12. More information to come!
- Save the Date: Parent Teacher Conferences  
Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> | 12:00 - 7:45 PM (PK-6), 2:30 -7:45 PM (7-12)  
Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> | 12:00 - 7:30 PM (PK-6), 2:30 -7:30 PM (7-12)  
Please reach out to your child's teacher to sign up for parent teacher conferences.
  - Students in grades PK-6 will have a ½ day of school on Parent Teacher Conference days.
  - 10<sup>th</sup> period activities will be canceled for students in grades 7-12 on Parent Teacher Conferences days, except for those staying for sports practice.

 One Central PK-12 Main Office and Entrance, School Counseling Office, and Health Office

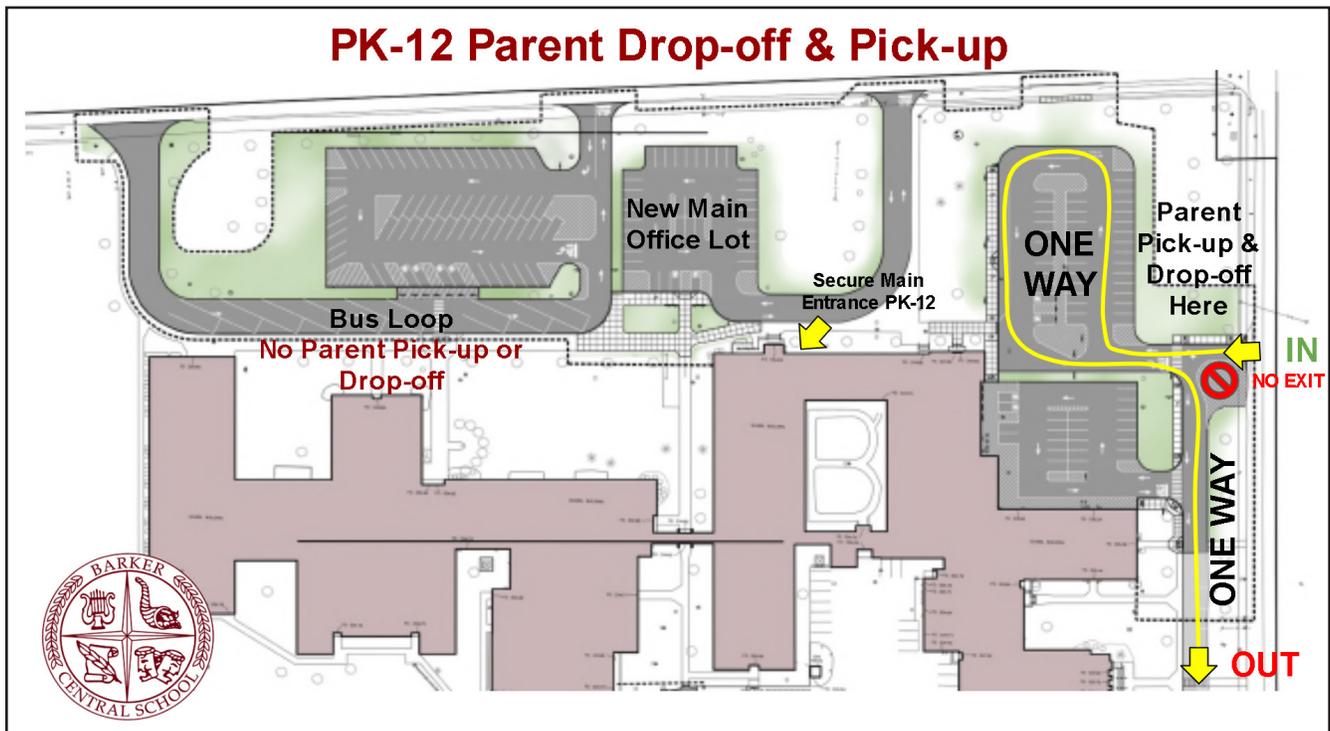
Barker now has one centralized Main Office for all students PK-12, located on Haight Road, with a secure Main Entrance. This modern, secure facility brings together our building administration, clerical staff, school counselors, and nurses under one roof to streamline support and improve access for families. A single phone number now connects you to all Main Office staff across grade levels.

Visitor Procedures:

- All visitors must enter through the Haight Road Main Office entrance after morning arrival.
- There is a new Main Office Parking Lot off of Haight Road for visitor parking.

- You must be buzzed in and show ID at the main office.
- No other doors will be open during the school day.
- Bus Loop traffic is for buses only - No Parent Pick-up or Drop-off at Pratt Entrance.
- All items for students or teachers must be dropped off at the Main Office.

Drop-off and Pick-up will occur in the lot off the Quaker Road entrance by the 1911 building. Parents can pull into the right lane by the sidewalk and enter the queue. Once students are either out of or in the vehicle safely, then the driver can signal and move into the left lane to exit the parking lot. When exiting, drivers are to follow the arrows in the Quaker Bus loop to exit onto Quaker Road in front of the auditorium. Parents will be able to drop off or pick up and then move out of the cue smoothly, rather than waiting in line for the cars ahead to finish the process. This is the same process as last school year. Please refer to the map below.



The new centralized Health Office will be located by the new Main Entrance off of Haight Road. The new School Counseling Office will be located in the newly renovated area near the Main Office entrance. Please feel free to connect with your child’s counselor. Please note that this year the following school counselors will be serving the listed grade levels.

- Mrs. Allison Finitz - Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Mrs. Shae Owens - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade through 9<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Ms. Sari Arrow - 10<sup>th</sup> Grade through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

 **New Library Media Center and Facility Upgrades**

We are thrilled to open our brand-new, state-of-the-art centralized library media center this fall! This innovative space features flexible seating, collaborative zones, modern technology, and an expanded book collection. Students of all ages will be able to enjoy learning in this new space!

In addition to the media center, several classrooms throughout the building have been newly updated. Construction will continue through the fall to finalize additional instructional and support spaces across the District. We are excited for all of the fresh spaces our students will be able to use as we move forward in the capital work.

 Emergency Preparedness: NYSED Standard Terminology & Trauma-Informed Practice

As of July 1, 2025, all New York State schools must use standardized emergency response terms:

- Evacuate – Leave the building to a safe location
- Shelter / Shelter-in-Place – Remain indoors due to weather or hazard
- Hold / Hold-in-Place – Restrict hallway movement
- Secure Lockout – Lock exterior doors
- Lockdown – Hide silently due to an internal threat

Students and teachers will receive training and information about the new terminology and refreshers on drill procedures prior to running any drills. We will also continue our trauma-informed practice of notifying families and staff before scheduled drills, communicating after drills, and offering social-emotional support for any student in need. Throughout the year, per NYS Education Law §807, we will run a total of eight evacuation drills (fire drills), four of which will have “blocked exits”, and six of the total fire drills will take place prior to December 31<sup>st</sup>. We will also run four lockdown drills spread out throughout the school year; two will take place before December 31<sup>st</sup>. Please review our District Safety Plan on the district website for more information regarding school safety.

## NY STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE TERMS

Effective 7/1/25, schools must use the emergency terms on this card. (8 NYCRR §155.17)

 <p><b>SHELTER-IN-PLACE/SHELTER</b></p> <p>SHELTER STUDENTS AND STAFF INSIDE THE BUILDING BECAUSE IT IS SAFER INSIDE THE BUILDING THAN OUTSIDE.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listen for instructions.</li> <li>• Students in hallways should return to assigned classroom, if possible.</li> <li>• Take attendance.</li> <li>• All other staff assist students as needed.</li> <li>• Move away from windows if situation warrants.</li> <li>• If instructed, move out of classroom to designated safe area.</li> <li>• Stay together at all times.</li> <li>• If evacuating off site, take attendance before moving and upon arrival at off-site location.</li> <li>• Listen for updates.</li> </ul>	 <p><b>HOLD-IN-PLACE/HOLD</b></p> <p>RESTRICT MOVEMENT OF STUDENTS AND STAFF WITHIN THE BUILDING WHILE DEALING WITH SHORT-TERM EMERGENCIES.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listen for instructions.</li> <li>• Students in hallways should return to assigned classroom, if possible.</li> <li>• Take attendance.</li> <li>• All other staff assist students as needed.</li> <li>• Listen for updates.</li> </ul>	 <p><b>EVACUATE</b></p> <p>EVACUATE STUDENTS AND STAFF FROM THE BUILDING.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listen for instructions.</li> <li>• Students in hallways should return to assigned classroom, if possible.</li> <li>• Lead students to designated assembly area. Use secondary route, if necessary.</li> <li>• Bring attendance list and class roster.</li> <li>• Close the classroom door after exiting.</li> <li>• Take attendance when safe to do so.</li> <li>• Listen for updates.</li> </ul>	 <p><b>SECURE LOCKOUT</b></p> <p>STUDENTS AND STAFF REMAIN INSIDE LOCKED SCHOOL BUILDINGS DURING INCIDENTS THAT POSE AN IMMINENT CONCERN OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listen for instructions.</li> <li>• Students in hallways should return to assigned classroom, if possible.</li> <li>• Lock all exterior doors and windows.</li> <li>• Follow school procedure for blinds/lights.</li> <li>• Take attendance. Classroom instruction continues as normal.</li> <li>• All outdoor activities are terminated.</li> <li>• Listen for updates.</li> </ul>	 <p><b>LOCKDOWN</b></p> <p>SECURE STUDENTS AND STAFF INSIDE LOCKED CLASSROOMS DURING INCIDENTS THAT POSE AN IMMEDIATE THREAT OF VIOLENCE IN OR AROUND THE SCHOOL.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LOCKDOWN announced - move quickly.</li> <li>• If safe, gather students from hallways and common areas near your classroom.</li> <li>• Lock the door. Barricade if necessary.</li> <li>• Move students to a safe area in the classroom out of sight of the door.</li> <li>• Follow school procedure for windows/ blinds/lights.</li> <li>• Keep everyone quiet. Silence cell phones.</li> <li>• Take attendance, if possible.</li> <li>• Do not communicate through door or answer room phone.</li> <li>• Only respond to P.A. or alarms when there is an immediate life safety hazard based on observed conditions (smoke, fire, heat).</li> <li>• Stay hidden until physically released by law enforcement personnel.</li> </ul>
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 Student Dress Code Expectations

Please see the new language of the Dress Code in the 2025-2026 Codes of Conduct below:

The intention of this dress code is not to shame, embarrass, or diminish anyone. Instead, it serves as a basic standard to support all students as they grow, explore their individuality, and develop a mindset appropriate for college and career readiness. Just as foundational skills are taught in subjects like Math and English—allowing for individual specialization later—this dress code is designed to provide similar guidance in the area of personal presentation.

- The body must be covered with opaque fabric from a straight line that begins at the top of the armpit

and extends across the front and back of the torso. Coverage must also extend downward from this armpit line to at least three inches below the buttocks and crotch on all sides. Clothing must remain in place and provide full coverage without requiring constant adjustment. Exceptions may be made for event-specific attire, such as certain athletic uniforms.



- All tops and dresses must have straps.
- Outerwear must cover underwear.
- All hats, unless there is a religious exemption, must be placed in a locker or inside a backpack for the entirety of the school day 7:50 AM - 3:06 PM.
- No pajamas.
- Proper footwear must be worn at all times for appropriate classes or student activities.
- There are to be no references to alcohol, drugs, violence, or other items that go against the BCS Community Mission Statement.
- All religious or political clothing should be positive in nature and not negative or defamatory.

Students who violate the student Dress Code shall be required to modify their appearance by covering or removing the offending item, and if necessary or practical, replace it with an acceptable item. Clothing may be provided by the Main Office, or parents/guardians may have to drop off appropriate clothing for their child. Hats will be turned into the Main Office for students to pick up at the end of the day.

Any student who refuses to modify their appearance to be in compliance with the Dress Code shall be subject to discipline, up to and including in-school suspension for the day. Any student who repeatedly fails to comply with the Dress Code shall be subject to further discipline, up to and including out-of-school suspension. Parent communication will transpire for any repeated incidents or progressive discipline.

The Principal and other designated personnel shall have the authority to require students to change their attire should it be deemed inappropriate according to the above guidelines.

 Cell Phone & Internet-Enabled Device Policy

To support focus and learning, student use of personal cell phones/devices is not permitted during the school day, including lunch and passing periods.

Devices must be stored in lockers.

Headphones/earbuds may only be used with staff permission or per a 504/IEP.

Parents can reach students by:

- Calling the Main Office
- Emailing the student’s school-issued account (on their District-provided device)

Disciplinary steps:

1. Device held for student pickup in the Main Office
2. Device held for parent/guardian pickup in the Main Office
3. Device held for parent/guardian pickup in the Main Office and in-school suspension

We are proud to offer a safe, welcoming, and high-quality educational experience at Barker Central. Please review our Codes of Conduct online.

**Cell Phone & Internet Enabled Devices** 

**Progressive Discipline:**

- 1) Device Taken for the Day, picked up by the student in the Main Office
- 2) Device Taken for the Day, picked up by parent/guardian in the Main Office
- 3) Device Taken for the Day, picked up by the parent/guardian in the Main Office & In-School Suspension

**Away for the Day...**

Cell phones or internet enabled devices must be secured in a locker on campus, during the school day.\*

**Contact Students by...**

Calling the Main Office or emailing their school issued email address on their school issued device.

**Headphones / Earbuds...**

Are not to be worn during passing time in the hallways and are only to be worn at the discretion of the teacher/staff member, unless otherwise stated on a student's IEP or 504 plan.

 Welcome, New Team Members!

Please welcome the following new team members to our learning community!

- Deb Lingle - PK-12 Assistant Principal
- Sari Arrow - Grades 10-12 School Counselor
- Karin Gelz - School Psychologist
- Scott Tanyi - Spanish
- Madeleine Myers - Music
- Colin Knight - Physical Education
- Nate Sutch - Health / Physical Education
- Jady Wagner - Chemistry / Science
- Molly Handrich - Science
- Josh Glaubitz - Special Education
- Megan Schmitt - Teacher's Aide

As we look ahead to a new school year, I would like to take a moment to express my heartfelt appreciation for your continued support of our learning community. Your partnership is vital to the success of our students and the strength of our school. Together, we create a learning environment where every child is seen, supported, and inspired to thrive. Thank you for standing with us - we are excited to move forward together into a year filled with growth, connection, and opportunity. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time! It's always a great day to Be a Bulldog!

Sincerely,

Micaela M. Love, Ed.D.  
PK-12 Principal  
mlove@barkercsd.net  
716-795-3600

## FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE

We're excited to announce some important information for the upcoming school year. The School Counseling Office has a new location—now more centrally located to better serve our students, families, and staff across the District.

We also have some updates to our team and structure:

- Kelly Schnars will be supporting the entire office as our dedicated clerical team member.
- Sari Arrow will serve as the counselor for grades 10–12.
- Shae Owens will serve as the counselor for grades 6–9.
- Allison Finitz will serve as the counselor for grades PreK–5.

You may also notice we've updated our name from the Guidance Office to the School Counseling Office. This change reflects the comprehensive support we offer—not just academic and career guidance, but also social-emotional development, mental health support, and advocacy for all students. The new name aligns with Barker's Vision, Mission and Fundamental Values of providing a school environment that fosters respect, compassion, and tolerance while nurturing life-long learners who make meaningful contributions to society.

We look forward to working with you and supporting our students through every stage of their school journey.

## SUMMER SCHOOL REPORT

Almost 40 Pratt Elementary students came to school during July to prepare themselves for the 2025-2026 school year. Students worked hard on improving their reading, writing, math and other academic skills, but also enjoyed playing games, creating artwork, and spending time with friends. One of the highlights of the summer was the field trip to the Seneca Park Zoo, Rochester, NY. After seeing and learning about all of the animals, the students and teachers voted on their favorite animal of the day. And the winner is..... the Sea Lion! The sleepy lion and the playful river otters earned Honorable Mention. The Summer School Program concluded with a fun picnic and Field Day to celebrate all the successes from this summer!



Student artwork (L-R): **Kaelyn Smith** - Scratch Art Drawing, **Madelina Pavlock** - Photography, **Aine Davis** - Oil Pastel.

## SPRING ART AWARDS

The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Villa Maria College High School Juried Photo Show showcased student photographic work. Rebecca Thering received Honorable Mention for her photography "Pink Skies" and received a \$25 check. Rebecca's photo received other recognition which was reported in the budget issue of *The Banner* in May. Check out an image of her work and accolade.



The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Helen P. Kelley Memorial Art Show of the WNY Federation of Women's Clubs was May 16<sup>th</sup>. The show is held annually for students in grades 9-12 in the eight far western counties of New York State. 22 ribbons were awarded to Barker Senior High School artists.

The following students received 1<sup>st</sup> place:

- Autumn Draper, Altered Book
- Gloria Haller, Watercolor
- Kylie Lemise, Animation
- Brionikah Mussell, Printmaking
- Austin Puchlerz, Digital Design
- Rebecca Thering, Digital Photography Unenhanced
- Brooke Weber, Ceramic

The following students received 2<sup>nd</sup> place:

- Kaya Lloyd, Animation
- Madelina Pavlock, Digital Design Photography Enhanced
- Grayson Pryn, Printmaking
- Daniela Salazar, Digital Photography Unenhanced
- Xyon Weese, Altered Book

The following students received 3<sup>rd</sup> place:

- Ivy Feuersanger, Printmaking
- Madyson Flint, Altered Book
- Austin Puchlerz, Animation
- Daniela Salazar, Ceramic
- Logan Wagner, Acrylic Painting

The following students received Honorable Mention:

- Fallyn Mescall, Watercolor
- Kaelyn Smith, Scratch Art
- Areanna Reinard, Mixed Media
- Lillyana Reyes, Altered Book
- Lillyana Reyes, Printmaking

*Student artwork (Top-Bottom): Brooke Weber - Ceramics. Fallyn Mescall - Watercolor. Kaya Lloyd - Animation.*



## MUSIC RECOGNITION

On Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> the Barker Junior High Concert Band competed at the Darien Lake Music Festival. The group scored a 94.2%. It was an excellent performance and a wonderful day in the park for the band.



On Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, select Barker students performed in front of a judge at All-State Solo Festival at West Seneca East High School. Student solos are ranked Level 1 (easy) thru Level 6 (most difficult). Congratulations to the following instrumentalists:

- Riley Marciszewski, Sophomore, Baritone - Level 6 (100%)
- Addisyn Weller, Freshman, Clarinet - Level 6 (97%)
- Karl Hill, Freshman, Baritone Saxophone - Level 5 (93%)

## QUIETT & STEPHAN WIN AT ECC TECH WARS



Congratulations to tech champions, Zoey Quiett and Lucas Stephan (pictured below) who took 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Middle School Static Display competition at the 2025 ECC Tech Wars. Their innovative project was a "Raspberry Pi Chair Swing".

ECC Tech Wars is a regional STEM event that brings together hundreds of middle and high school students from across Western New York to compete in hands-on technology and engineering challenges. Hosted by Erie Community College, this annual competition showcases creativity, collaboration, and real-world problem-solving in fields like robotics, design, programming, and more.

Zoey and Lucas's project impressed the judges with its creativity, technical skill, and presentation. Congratulations to both students for this outstanding achievement.

## NIAGARA PRIDE AWARD



Congratulations to Meghan Mallon from the Class of 2025 for winning one of four 2025 Jean Hopkins Scholarships awarded by Niagara Pride. Meghan, along with two students from Starpoint and one from Amherst were selected for demonstrating a commitment to diversity, community advocacy, and social justice, which were key qualities demonstrated by the individual for whom the scholarship is named after.

Thanks to the generosity of the WNY community, Niagara Pride was able to offer four \$750 scholarships this year compared to last year, where the organization awarded two \$500 awards. This year saw an incredible number of applicants, increasing the level of competitiveness for the award, and making the decision of the Scholarship Committee even more difficult.



## FROM THE DESK OF MR. MUCHA

Bulldog Athletics celebrated a banner year and I'm looking ahead to an exciting future. The 2024-2025 school year was one for the record books at Barker Central School, as the athletic department celebrated a year filled with championships, winning seasons, and outstanding individual achievements. From scholar-athletes to sportsmanship awards, Bulldog pride was on full display. Among the many highlights, Barker was honored as a NYSPHSAA School of Distinction, a prestigious recognition awarded to schools where all varsity teams qualify as scholar-athlete teams. This achievement reflects the dedication of student-athletes both on the field and in the classroom.

The Athlete of the Week program continued to shine a spotlight on excellence. 38 student-athletes recognized for their contributions and accomplishments throughout the year. Local businesses continued to play a key role in supporting this initiative. Special thanks go to Crosby's, The Grain House Eatery and Taphouse, Harris Farms, and the Barker Cafeteria for their generous weekly donations and for proudly displaying photos of these standout athletes.

In a welcome return, basketball cheerleading made its comeback, thanks to the tireless efforts of coaches Melissa Phillips and Bethany Duchow. Their leadership brought energy and spirit back to the court.

Lastly, another exciting development was the installation of permanent tee boxes and signage created by Mr. Mallon and his students on the campus disc golf course, which is now available for the entire community to enjoy.

As the new school year approaches, Barker Athletics is gearing up for even more exciting changes. Following the successful return of football and girls soccer to campus, Barker will now serve as the host school in its athletic mergers with Roy-Hart and Lyndonville, bringing more games and practices to our home turf.

The department is also continuing its rebranding efforts, especially around the high school gym area, with a renewed focus on the Bulldog mascot. Emphasis will remain on academics, attendance, and fostering a strong sense of school spirit.

We're proud of what we've accomplished and excited for what's ahead. Bulldog Athletics is more than just sports - it's about community, character, and commitment.

For questions or more information, families and community members are encouraged to contact the Barker Athletic Department.

GO BARKER!

### **New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) School of Distinction:**

- *Barker High School*

### **Scholar-Athlete Teams:**

- *Baseball*
- *Softball*
- *Tennis*
- *Boys Track & Field*
- *Girls Track & Field*
- *Roy-Hart/Barker Girls Swimming*

### **Niagara-Orleans League Dick Diminuco Scholar-Athlete Scholarship Award:**

- *Michael Kalynycz*
- *Mikala Woock*

### **Barker Bulldogs Athlete of the Year:**

- *Shelby Dauphinee*
- *Owen Harris*

### **Niagara-Orleans League Sportsmanship Award:**

- *Baseball - Michael Kalynycz*
- *Boys Track & Field - Wyatt Payne*
- *Girls Track & Field - Rachel Samson*

### **Niagara-Orleans League 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-League:**

- *Peyton Bradley, Softball*
- *Madyson Flint, Softball Player of the Year*
- *Daniel Goodwin, Tennis*
- *Ryan Fisk, Tennis*
- *Kaylee Stoll, Softball*

**Barker Spring Slam Softball Tournament:**

- *Champions - Barker*
- *Tournament MVP - Madyson Flint*

**Niagara-Orleans League Champions:**

- *Softball (Co-Champions)*
- *Shelby Dauphinee, Track & Field - Steeplechase*
- *Jordyn Kinne, Track & Field - 100m Hurdles*
- *Wyatt Payne, Track & Field - Discus*

**All Western New York, 1st Team:**

- *Madyson Flint, Softball*

**Section VI Class D Track & Field Champion and Barker Track & Field Record Breaker:**

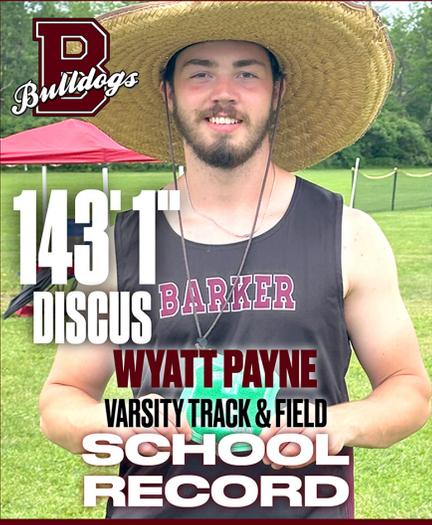
- *Wyatt Payne, Discus*

**DANIEL GOODWIN**



**N-O LEAGUE ALL LEAGUE 1ST TEAM TENNIS**





**143'1" DISCUS BARKER**

**WYATT PAYNE**

**VARSITY TRACK & FIELD**

**SCHOOL RECORD**

Friday, June 6, 2025



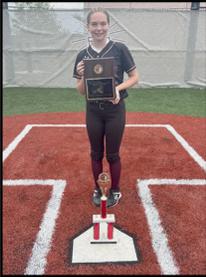
**JORDYN KINNE**



**N-O LEAGUE CHAMPION 100M HURDLES TRACK & FIELD**




**MADYSON FLINT**



**TOURNAMENT MVP**

**BARKER SPRING SLAM TOURNAMENT SOFTBALL**




**ATHLETES OF THE WEEK 2024-2025**



(Front, L-R): Cheyann Walker, Alexis Dauphinee, Shelby Dauphinee, Isabella Gatta, Maylee Stoll. (Back, L-R): Ava Kolemien, Chloe Duchow, Aunera Wass, Madolina Pavlock. Not pictured: Peyton Bradley, Lexi Brazzell, Madyson Flint, Julia Kalynycz, Jordyn Kinne, Elise Monaco, Rachel Samson, Mikala Woock.



**ATHLETES OF THE WEEK 2024-2025**



(Front, L-R): Jackson Pryn, Owen Harris, Daniel Goodwin, Nathan Popovich. (Back, L-R): Ashton Ark, Jake Munn, Oscar Dergel, Noah Sandolfini, Nicholas Heldemann. Not pictured: Adler Detschner, Calah Alexander, Luke Fay, Anthony Taliaferro, Donovan Hefferon, Peyton Wagner, Ryan Fisk.



**PEYTON BRADLEY**



**N-O LEAGUE ALL LEAGUE 1ST TEAM SOFTBALL**




## FROM THE SERVING LINE

We are pleased to inform you that Barker Central School will be implementing a meal certification option available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for 2025-2026.

What does this mean for your child(ren) attending the school(s) identified above? All students enrolled at Barker Central School are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at no charge to your household each day of the 2025-2026 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 us at Barker Central School, 1628 Quaker Rd, Barker NY 14012. Email: [jfuerch@barkerbsd.net](mailto:jfuerch@barkerbsd.net) Phone: 716-795-3347

Sincerely,  
Julie Fuerch  
Cafeteria Manager

## 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 \$3.50 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.

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, audiotape, 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)
- This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



# Community Education Program Fall 2025 Classes



## Please register by September 10<sup>th</sup>

to ensure that your class is not canceled due to low enrollment.  
Most classes begin September 15<sup>th</sup> and conclude by the end of November.

**No classes October 13<sup>th</sup>, November 11<sup>th</sup>, November 26-28, 2025.**

**Online Registration:** Community Ed has an online platform for its registration and payment. Check the Barker school website for more information and to register at: [www.barkerccd.net/adulted](http://www.barkerccd.net/adulted). We understand computers and ability to connect may be an issue for some which we are happy to help with.

As so many classes are social occasions, the new platform has a friends and family registration component available which will enable one person to easily register their family members and circle of friends with just a click to participate in a class together. Even better, you are able to register for as many classes as you or they'd like at the same time. Registration can be done on a computer or, if you are on the go, your phone.

If you need any assistance registering and/or have questions about a class, making payments, or can only attend one day per week of a two-day week class, let us know prior to registering by contacting Mary Eadie at: 716-795-3110 or [meadie@barkerccd.net](mailto:meadie@barkerccd.net) and she will be happy to help you.

**To Register - Go to: [Barkerccd.net](http://Barkerccd.net)**  
click on *District* section, then *Community Ed* and follow the links.  
**Class changes, updates, and a calendar can be found there too.**

## Regular In-House Classes/Programs

<b>Community Band</b>	Band Room	Mondays, 7:00–9:00 PM
The Barker Community Band has been performing music in Barker and neighboring communities for over 40 years. 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 <a href="mailto:rmfrost88@yahoo.com">rmfrost88@yahoo.com</a>		
Contact: Marcia Frost	<b>Free but must be registered.</b>	Weekly
<b>AARP Smart Driver</b>	High School Cafeteria	Saturday, October 25, 10:00 AM–4:30 PM
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 is required to hold this class. 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. <u>Check with your insurance provider for specifics.</u> There is no Barker Senior discount for this course.		
Cost: \$30.00 AARP Members/\$35.00 Non-Members payable to AARP. To received reduced cost, the participant must include AARP # with registration.		1 Day

## Regular In-House Classes/Programs

<b>Basketball</b>	High School Gym	Starts 9/15	Mondays & Wednesdays, 7:00–8:00 PM <b>No Class 10/13</b>
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. <b>Sorry, adults only, No STUDENTS, and you must be registered to participate.</b>			
Instructor: Jared Morgan	\$45.00 (Seniors \$22.50)		8 Weeks
<b>Body Sculpting New Time</b>	Elementary Gym	Starts 9/23	Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 PM <b>No Class 11/11</b>
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 M. Hook	\$50.00 (Seniors \$25.00)		8 Weeks
<b>Ceramics New Time</b>	Room 183 (Art Room, HS)		5:00-7:00 PM <b>Classes: 9/25, 10/2, 10/23, 11/6</b>
Create functional and decorative pieces with a variety of hand-building techniques. Class is for beginners. No experience is necessary. There is a separate \$25 lab fee for materials to be paid with registration. <b>Lab Fee: \$25 - no discount for lab fee, fee due upon registration and is included in overall cost.</b>			
Instructor: Krista Beth Feltz	\$25.00 (Seniors \$12.50)		4 Sessions
<b>Cookie Time!</b>	High School Cafeteria	October 6	Monday, 5:30-7:30 PM
<b>Are you a cookie monster or know someone who is?</b> If so, plan to have share a few hours with other cookie enthusiasts and have a fun time decorating cookies for yourself or to share! <b>The Cookie Cottage</b> in Wilson will bring six pre-made cookies for you to use your imagination on to decorate. Bring an apron and be ready to learn different techniques, tips and tricks make your own personalized, beautiful, delicious cookies. It is a class guaranteed to make you smile and leave you with a treat!			
Instructor: Christine Hannam	\$17.00 (No Senior Discount)		1 Night
<b>Crochet For All Skill Levels</b>	Room 183 (Art Room, HS)	Starts 9/22	Mondays, 6:30–8:00 PM <b>No class 10/13</b>
<b>Twisted and hooked!</b> For experienced and beginners. 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. 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. You will need to bring a skein of medium yarn and an “H” hook to start.			
Instructor: Demerise Eadie	\$40.00 (Seniors \$20.00)		8 Weeks
<b>Family/Lap Swim</b>	Pool in High School	Class starts 9/15	Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:30–7:30 PM <b>No Class 10/13</b>
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>Please note there is only one registration per family in the same household for family swim, but each family member participating must be listed and fill out a form the first evening confirming attendees. Lap swimming registration is per person.</b>  <b><u>Parents must accompany students and stay in the pool area at all times.</u></b>			
Staff Lifeguards	\$50.00 (\$25.00 Seniors)		8 Weeks

<b>Greeting Card Class</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Class Added</b>	Room 183, (Art Room, HS)	Thursdays, 6:00–8:00 PM <b>Classes: 9/18, 10/9, 10/16, 10/30, 11/13</b>	
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. <b>Lab Fee: \$13 per class for materials, pay at class, no discount for lab fees</b>			
Instructor: Mary Kersch	\$30.00 (Seniors \$15.00)	5 Classes	
<b>Hall Walking</b>	Starts 9/16	Mondays – Thursdays, 6:00–8:00 PM <b>No classes 10/13, 11/11</b>	
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. If you bring your child to walk, they must be with you at all times. There is no walking when school is closed for breaks/holidays. <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>Knitting For All Skill Levels</b>	Room 183 (Art Room, HS)	Starts 9/16	Tuesdays, 6:00–8:00 PM <b>No Class 11/11</b>
Learn the creative and fun activity of knitting! This class is for experienced and beginner 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>Medicare 101 - Understanding Your Options</b>	High School Cafeteria	One Day	Thursday, November 4, 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 one-day 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	<b>Free – you must register to attend.</b>		1 Night
<b>Quilting - Chandelier</b>	Room 183 (Art Room, HS)	One Day	Saturday, October 25, 9:00 AM–3:00 PM
This class will focus on the chandelier quilt pattern. This quilt pattern magic changes just by turning the blocks on point, like light hitting crystal prisms, the orientation lets the light dance through the shapes in a completely different manner, giving it a modern twist. Guaranteed to be a fun and relaxing day to share ideas between other quilters of all level of experience as you work on a beautiful keepsake!			
Instructor: Janice Stoll	\$25.00 (Seniors \$12.50)	1 Day	
<b>R.A.D. Defensive Systems Course</b>	Cafetorium/ Elementary Cafeteria	<b>Ladies Only</b>	Wednesday, 6:00–9:00 PM <b>Classes: 10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12</b>
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. Additional information can be received at the Somerset Police Department. Fee includes materials provided for course. <b>Free to any High School female student.</b>			
Instructor: Somerset Police	\$40.00 (Seniors \$20)/Free to Female HS Students	4 Weeks	

## The Banner: Back-to-School 2025-2026

<b>Stained-Glass Keepsakes</b>	Room TBD – details will be noted on the website	September 24 October 22 November 19 December 10	Wednesdays 6:00–8:00 PM
<p>Everyone is artistic! Enjoy this introductory class to stained glass but skilled glass workers are very welcome too! Have fun creating a keepsake that is for yourself, a family member, or a friend. This course is meant for all stained-glass skill levels. We will have pictures of pieces you can make such as Buffalo Bills buffalo, bees, flowers, ravens, dragonflies, etc. on the website.</p> <p><b>Please note, each class date is a separate registration.</b></p>			
Instructor: Linda Leggett	\$60.00 (No Senior Discount) per class		4 Individual Classes
<b>Senior Strength &amp; Balance Class - NEW</b>	Jr. High Gym	Starts 9/15	Mondays, 5:15-6:15 PM <b>No Classes 10/13</b>
<p>This class is taught by certified instructor, Sandra Lewis and is designed specifically for adults 55 and older to help improve muscle strength, joint flexibility, posture, and balance -- all essential for maintaining independence and preventing falls. Each session includes a gentle warm-up, strength-building exercises, and balance drills. Chairs can be used for stability, but the balance segment of class will be done in a standing position. No experience is necessary – just wear comfortable clothing, supportive shoes, and bring a water bottle. Always consult a healthcare provider before starting any new exercise routine, especially for those with preexisting health conditions. Please bring handheld weights of light-medium resistance.</p>			
Instructor: Sandra Lewis	\$40.00 (Seniors \$20.00)		8 Weeks
<b>Senior Strength Training Using Resistance - NEW</b>	Jr. High Gym/Weight Room in High School	Starts 9/15	Mondays, 6:30-7:30 PM <b>No Classes 10/13</b>
<p>This class is taught by certified instructor, Sandra Lewis and is designed specifically for adults 55 and older. It is a safe and effective form of exercise designed to help older adults maintain and improve muscle strength, bone density, balance, and overall mobility. Resistance training typically involves the use of bands, light hand-held weights, weight machines, or even body weight to stimulate muscle growth and endurance. Modifications are demonstrated to tailor to individual ability levels, which makes the class safe and effective. No experience is necessary – just wear comfortable clothing, supportive shoes, and bring a water bottle. Always consult a healthcare provider before starting any new exercise routine, especially for those with preexisting health conditions. Please bring handheld weights of light-medium resistance.</p>			
Instructor: Sandra Lewis	\$40.00 (Seniors \$20.00)		8 Weeks
<p>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.</p>			
<b>Stretch &amp; Tone Your Body New Time</b>	Elementary Gym	Starts 9/23	Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 PM <b>No Class 11/11</b>
<p>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.</p>			
Instructor: Trisha M. Hoock	\$50.00 (Seniors \$25.00)		8 Weeks
<b>Volleyball</b>	High School Gym	Starts 9/16	Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:00–9:00 pm
<p>Mixed volleyball for all skill level players to participate in a fun environment so all have an enjoyable evening.</p> <p><b>Sorry, adults only, No STUDENTS, and you must be registered to participate.</b></p>			
Instructor: Jim Harris	\$50.00 (Seniors \$25.00)		8 Weeks

<b>Water Aerobics</b>	Pool in High School	Starts 9/15	Mondays & Wednesdays, 5:30–6:30 PM <b>No Class 10/13</b>
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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. Class size is limited to 30 participants.

Instructor: Beth VeRost	\$50.00 (Seniors \$25.00)		8 Weeks
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<b>Wine Glass or Glass Vase Painting–Additional Option</b>	Room 183 (Art Room, HS Entrance)		Thursday, 11/20 6:00–8:00 PM
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Painting is not just for the canvas! Create your own custom wine glass or vase, hand-painted by you! Price includes 2 wine glasses or 2 vases or a combination of both & glass paint. Examples provided, but feel free to bring in your own ideas! This class is designed for those that don't have much painting experience, to an advanced painter. The process is simple and you will love your finished product! Supply fee of \$10 per person. Please bring a box or container to bring your glassware home in.

**Lab fee: \$10.00 - no discount for lab fee, fee due upon registration and is within the overall fee.**

Instructor: Krista Beth Feltz	\$15.00 class fee plus \$10.00 lab fee (Seniors \$7.50 plus \$10.00 lab fee)		1 Night
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<b>Yoga</b>	Room TBD – details will be noted on the website	Starts 10/7	Tuesdays, 7:00–8:00 PM
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In this class, postures are practiced to align, strengthen and promote flexibility in the body. Breathing techniques and meditation are also integrated. You can expect an emphasis on simplicity, repetition, and ease of movement. Full-body relaxation and balance are the goals, as we make a full circuit of the body's range of motion. Please bring a yoga mat with you.

Instructor: Molly Burke	\$45.00 (Seniors \$22.50)		8 Weeks
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## Online Classes/Programs

Year-end can be hectic and stressful while still joyful. Join an online class in the comfort of your home and take some time just for you or with someone! Information will be sent to you after registering as to how to connect, most use Zoom.

### Health & Wellness

<b>Meditation for Relaxation and Personal Healing</b>	Online		Wednesdays, 7:00–9:00 PM October 1-29
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Do you suffer from stress, anxiety or sleeplessness-- or even high blood-pressure or hypertension? Does your mind never stop going? Meditation can help! Meditation is a simple, easy to learn practice that involves focusing your thoughts and your breathing to help you relax into the present moment. Studies show that regular meditation can help promote increased mental clarity and emotional balance, reduce the physical effects of stress, and create a greater sense of well-being. In this interactive course, you will learn the empowering concepts and techniques for successful personal meditation and will find support in crafting your own meditation regimen. Come experience for yourself the abundance of inner peace, personal health and spiritual connection that come from meditation.

Instructor: Jesse Wicher	\$149.00 (No Senior Discount)		5 Sessions
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<b>Healing With Energy</b>		Online	Tuesdays, 7:00–9:00 PM September 30–October 28
<p>Harness your power to heal yourself and others—<b>Naturally!</b> Whether you're looking for a quick and easy remedy for headaches, wanting to increase vitality, create greater mental/emotional balance or seeking healing for a chronic condition, this class has something for you. In this engaging, interactive course, you will work with tools and techniques from a variety of energy healing practices such as acupressure, chakra clearing, auric-field healing, toning, chi gong and long-distance healing. Topics include the power of intent, using your intuition and mastering the mind/body/spirit connection. This course is ideal for healing professionals wishing to expand their tools as well as for individuals who want to open to powerfully experience their own healing potential.</p>			
Instructor: Jesse Wicher	\$149.00 (No Senior Discount)		5 Sessions
<b>Emotional Release for Inner Peace</b>		Online	Monday, September 29, 6:30–9:00 PM
<p>Inner peace is impossible to maintain while we still hold on to the very feelings and beliefs that keep us from being peaceful to begin with. Trapped negative emotions like fear, anger and sorrow can disrupt the flow of vital energy in our bodies and actually sabotage our inner peace. In this single evening course, you will learn simple yet effective techniques for getting in touch with, understanding, accepting and releasing the emotions that keep us from ourselves. Nobody wants to suffer. Come learn to rest in the peaceful state of loving acceptance that is our true nature.</p>			
Instructor: Jesse Wicher	\$40.00 (No Senior Discount)		1 Night
<b>Acupressure and Other Tools for Women 35 &amp; Older</b>		Online	Monday, September 22, 7:00–8:30 PM
<p>Acupressure is an ancient healing art that can offer great relief, with no side effects from symptoms such as hot flashes, mood swings, bloating headaches, irritability, nausea, insomnia, anxiety and even weight. Learn which points balance hormone levels naturally, including thyroid hormones. Acupressure is a wonder self-help tool that will help you feel your best. We will discuss breathing techniques, nutritional musts, and more.</p>			
Instructor: Janice Novak	\$30.00 (\$20.00 Seniors)		1 Night
<b>Acupressure to Relieve Stress, Anxiety, Insomnia &amp; More</b>		Online	Tuesday, October 28, 7:00–8:30 PM
<p>Acupressure is an ancient healing art and self-help tool. It can offer great relief with no side effects and help you feel your best. Along with the specific points to help relieve stress, insomnia, anxiety, irritability and even weight gain, learn the Nine Master Pressure Points which are the most helpful and most frequently prescribed to help and assist every system in your body.</p>			
Instructor: Janice Novak	\$30.00 (\$20.00 Seniors)		1 Night
<b>Acupressure for Sinus Relief</b>		Online	Wednesday, September 24, 7:00–8:30 PM
<p>Is your nose always stuffy? Sinus pain? Acupressure is an ancient, Eastern healing technique that involves pressing or kneading key points on the body to release energy blockages and simulate energy flow through pathways called meridians. Continual sinus problems have become epidemic in both children and adults. You can find relief by stimulating the many points that relieve sinus blockages, headaches and more.</p>			
Instructor: Janice Novak	\$30.00 (\$20.00 Seniors)		1 Night
<b>Avoiding the Perils of Perimenopause &amp; Menopause</b>			Wednesday, November 3, 6:30–9:00 PM
<p>Perimenopause starts around the age of 35 for most women and can last 10-15 years before menopause occurs. Common symptoms of both include fatigue, mood swings, weight gain, water retention, depression, sleep disturbances, joint aches, hot flashes, anger flashes, migraines, fibroids, exaggerated PMS and more. Once you understand exactly what is causing all the troublesome symptoms, they are much easier to correct. We'll discuss how to get hormone levels measured – blood test vs. saliva test and what to do with the results; traditional HRT vs. bio-identical; acupressure points to assist in symptom relief and nutritional musts. You'll leave with multiple tools and techniques for restoring health and well-being.</p>			
Instructor: Janice Novak	\$30.00 (\$20.00 Seniors)		1 Night

<b>Metabolism Boosters and Busters</b>		Online	Wednesday, October 15, 7:00–8:30 PM
<p>In the past you probably could drop weight by cutting back on calories or exercising a bit more. But then suddenly the scale stops moving and you just can't seem to lose weight. THE GOOD NEWS - You could lose up to 20 pounds in a year – without eating less. Just by revving up your metabolism, you can burn more calories every day, lose fat, boost energy, feel stronger and more fit. In this class, you will learn 20 SIMPLE things you can do every day to boost your metabolism and burn as much as 30% more calories every day.</p>			
Instructor: Janice Novak	\$30.00 (\$20.00 Seniors)		1 Night
<b>Thyroid Things You Need to Know</b>		Online	Tuesday, October 21, 7:00–8:30 PM
<p>If you currently take thyroid medication but are still gaining weight and still have a variety of symptoms, there's more you need to know. Fatigue, weight gain, depression, anxiety, rising cholesterol levels, inability to focus, thinning hair, digestive problems, abnormal blood pressure, reduced sex drive, and heart palpitations are only some of the symptoms. We'll discuss the 5 things that need to be measured, but usually aren't; why the #1 thyroid replacement may not be helping you; foods that help or hinder; commonly misunderstood rules of how and when to take thyroid meds; environmental triggers and info you need to discuss with your doctor. <b>This workshop is a source of information only and should by no means be considered a substitute for the advice of a qualified medical professional.</b></p>			
Instructor: Janice Novak	\$30.00 (\$20.00 Seniors)		1 Night
<b>Sooth Those Achy Joints</b>		Online	Tuesday, November 11, 7:00–8:30 PM
<p>Do you have joints that ache – a knee or hip or back? Whether you have arthritis, bursitis or just creaky joints, this workshop is for you. Joint lubrication exercises are quite simple and easy to do yet produce rather remarkable results by helping to free your joints of pain. We'll also discuss which nutrients are needed to help keep your joints healthy.</p>			
Instructor: Janice Novak	\$30.00 (Senior \$20.00)		1 Night
<b>Women, Weight &amp; Hormones</b>		Online	Monday, November 10, 7:00-8:30 PM
<p>Are you finding no matter how well you watch what you eat or how much you exercise, your weight is not budging? Your inability to lose weight probably has more to do with hormone levels than anything else. Until imbalances are corrected, trying to lose weight will be like shoveling sand against the tide. We'll discuss which hormones are involved and what can be done to correct imbalances; concrete solutions for controlling appetite and cravings; major sources of hormone mimicking chemicals and how to get rid of them; what HRT or birth control pills have to do with weight gain; how to have your hormone levels checked reliably; what steps need to be taken to safely break the vicious cycle of hormone related weight gain.</p>			
Instructor: Janice Novak	\$30.00 (Senior \$20.00)		1 Night
<b>Music</b>			
<b>Guitar for the Hopelessly Busy Person</b>		Online	Saturday, October 18, 1:00–3:30 PM
<p>In just a few hours you can learn enough about playing the guitar to give you years of musical enjoyment, and you won't have to take private lessons to do it. This crash course will teach you some basic chords and get you playing along with your favorite songs right away. Fee includes the online book, online follow up lessons, a recording of the class and also an optional periodic question and answer session. Class is held online using Zoom and is partly hands on instruction and partly lecture/demonstration. Students take the online class and then follow that up with their own private study and practice by using our follow up video lessons and the online book which they begin using in the first seminar. Optional monthly question and answer session after the class is held is offered for any interested students. Ages 13+</p>			
Instructor: Craig Coffman	\$60.00 (No Senior Discount)		1 Morning



<b>Piano for the Hopelessly Busy Person</b>	Online	Saturday, October 18, 9:00 AM-Noon
<p>In just a few hours, you can learn enough secrets of the trade to give you years of musical enjoyment. Learn to play piano the way professionals do—using chords. The chord method is LOTS of fun and dramatically easier to learn than reading notes. Class is held online using Zoom and is partly hands on instruction and partly lecture demonstration. Fee includes the online book, online follow up lessons, a recording of the class and also an optional periodic question and answer session. Students take the online class and then follow that up with their own private study and practice by using our follow up video lessons and the online book which they begin using in the first seminar. Optional monthly question and answer session after the class is held is offered for any interested students. Ages 13+</p>		
Instructor: Craig Coffman	\$60.00 (No Senior Discount)	1 Afternoon
<b>Cooking</b>		
<b>Air Fryer Hype! Copycat KFC®, Doughnuts &amp; Crave-Worthy Creations!</b>	Online	Friday, October 3, 6:30–9:00 PM
<p>The popular Air Fryer Hype Copycat KFC® class is being taken to the next level! Are you curious about the Air Fryer craze or looking to expand your recipe repertoire beyond fries and frozen foods? Whether you're a seasoned air fryer user or considering your first purchase, this class is for you! Join Chef Tess for an elevated Air Fryer experience and explore new family-favorite crave-worthy creations, including her mouthwatering Copycat KFC®, and her from-scratch air fryer doughnuts, pizza, burgers, and egg rolls! Enjoy a fun and interactive virtual cook-along class with Air Fryer and tips that take the 'Air Fryer Hype' to new heights!" On the Menu: Tess' Copycat KFC® Chicken, glazed doughnuts, pizza, burgers, and egg rolls! The instructor will also demonstrate how to make her amazing air fryer pizza, burgers, and egg rolls! Tips for freezing the pizza, and egg rolls to stock your freezer will also be shared! All healthy, delicious recipes that will have your family coming back for more! Leftovers may just become a thing of the past!</p>		
Instructor: Tess Georgakopoulos	\$45.00 (No Senior Discount)	1 Night
<b>Zuppa Toscana, Italian Wedding Meatball Soup, &amp; Homemade Baguettes!</b>	Online	Tuesday, October 28, 6:30 – 9:00 PM
<p>Warm, delicious, soothing, satisfying soups are such a welcome treat for dinner any time of year. All the stresses of the day seem to melt away with the smell of freshly made soup that brings smiles to the entire family. Have some fun participating in this virtual cook-along class; expand your family's soup rotation and your culinary repertoire as you learn to create two wonderful soups in addition to homemade baguette! Choose one soup for your cook-along, and watch a demonstration of the other or choose to make both! It's up to you! Both will pair perfectly serves with the amazing homemade baguettes we will be making from scratch! You will feel so accomplished! No Instant Pot®? No problem! The instructor will be making one soup in the Instant Pot®, and the other on the stovetop using a soup pot, and will provide step-by-step guidance and instruction for both cooking options for each of the soups so everyone will be able to cook-along using whatever appliance and cooking tools &amp; equipment they choose. Experience how flavors are enhanced and infused by making these recipes in your Instant Pot® or enjoy the simple soothing pleasures of making soups the classical way. On the Menu: Instructors copycat version of the Olive Garden's Zuppa Toscana, Italian wedding meatball soup, and her very own version of quick Baguettes that will become family favorites guaranteed!</p>		
Instructor: Tess Georgakopoulos	\$45.00 (No Senior Discount)	1 Night
<b>Gingerbread House Bake &amp; Build</b>	Online	Friday, December 19, 6:30 – 9:30 PM
<p>Gather the whole family and join in the fun baking and building your very own show-stopping gingerbread house from scratch during this festive family bake-along experience. Together, we will combine the wonderful flavors of gingerbread and use the dough to create the pieces that will be used to “build” breathtaking houses. We will also whip up the perfect batch of stiff royal icing—the edible “glue” that holds everything together and is used to decorate the houses with candies and delicious treats. Participants will receive an ingredient list and prep packet a week in advance of the class to allow time for shopping and preparation. The packet will also include the Instructor's “Gingerbread House Specific” Recipe that she has tested time and time again to ensure the cookie pieces are delicious but strong enough to hold the weight of the icing and decorations. A template will need to be printed and cut out before class to be used as a “pattern” will be provided. Whether you are starting a new family tradition, or continuing a beloved one, this cozy, joy-filled experience will leave everyone smiling, and maybe sneaking a few gumdrops. By the end, participants will have built not just a work of art, but sweet memories to last a lifetime!</p>		
Instructor: Tess Georgakopoulos	\$45.00 (No Senior Discount)	1 Night

<b>Mediterranean Holiday Elegance: Greek Dolmáthes in Avgolemono Sauce &amp; Crusty Artisan Bread.</b>		Online	Saturday, December 20, 5:00 – 7:30 PM
Experience the warmth and elegance of Greek cuisine in this one-of-a-kind cook-along experience with instructor Tess, who brings generations of culinary tradition straight to the table. Tess will guide participants in the step-by-step process of making Dolmáthes—tender grape leaves delicately filled with savory rice and seasoned meat filling, then gently simmered and finished with a luxurious velvety avgolemono sauce, a classic emulsion of fresh lemon juice and egg. To complete the meal, participants will also bake a loaf of crusty artisan bread—perfect for savoring the bright, savory essence of the rich lemony sauce. Cherished at holiday gatherings and family feasts throughout Greece and beyond, Dolmáthes are more than a meal—they're a tradition. Join in an evening of soulful cooking, rich flavor, and timeless technique as you learn to craft this classic from scratch with guidance rooted in generations of experience. Whether you're new to Mediterranean cooking or simply craving authentic comfort food, this experience is an invitation to slow down, savor the goodness, and cook with heart.			
Instructor: Tess Georgakopoulos	\$45.00 (No Senior Discount)		1 Night

**WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS**

By registering and participating in the Community Education Program, registrants agree to this agreement. The agreement is between named participant registered and the Barker Central School District (including the Barker Central School District Community Education Program, its Community Education Director/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 here and through registration process. The participant further agrees to abide by the policies of the Barker Central School District and its Community Education Program, including the Code of Conduct.



Registrant hereby states that s/he does not have any ailments or physical condition that would prevent or inhibit her/him from fully participating in the specified activities and/or classes.

Participant understands that there is a risk of injury inherent in the foregoing community education classes and/or activities.

Participant hereby accepts and assumes all risks inherent in the specified Community Education classes and/or activities.

Participant undertakes this activity at their own risk. Participant voluntarily assumes full responsibility for any losses, property damage, or personal injuries sustained in the specified activities and/or classes. Participant further agrees 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, the Participant hereby releases 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.

Participant further agrees that the Barker Central School District will not be liable to the Participant 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 Director/Coordinator, its Community Education Instructors, or other related members, agents, authorized guests, or affiliated organizations.

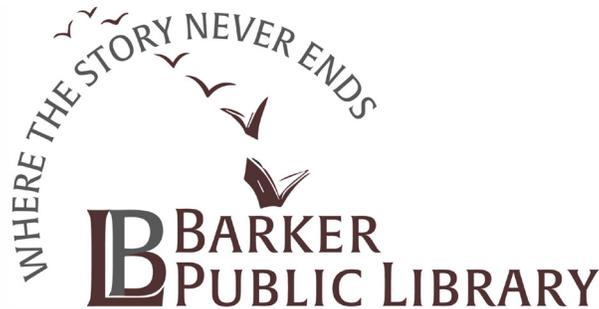
**REFUND POLICY**

No refunds will be processed unless the District changes the program, cancels it, or a medical reason exists. There will be no refund after the first session of a class has taken place. Exceptions to this policy can be made related to unforeseen circumstances (i.e., injury). Pro-rated refunds may be issued in cases of verifiable illness or injury (doctor's note required) that prevents further participation in a course. If a refund request is approved, students will receive a refund via check or class credit voucher less processing fees. The Community Education Director will provide additional details to the student before the refund is finalized. Any exceptions to the refund policy are left to the discretion of the Community Education Director and are applicable to any situations not listed above.

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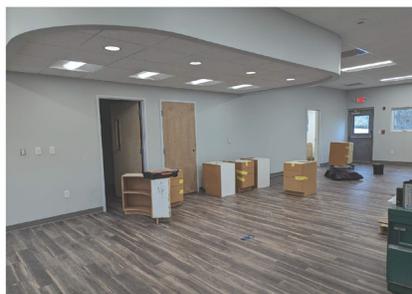
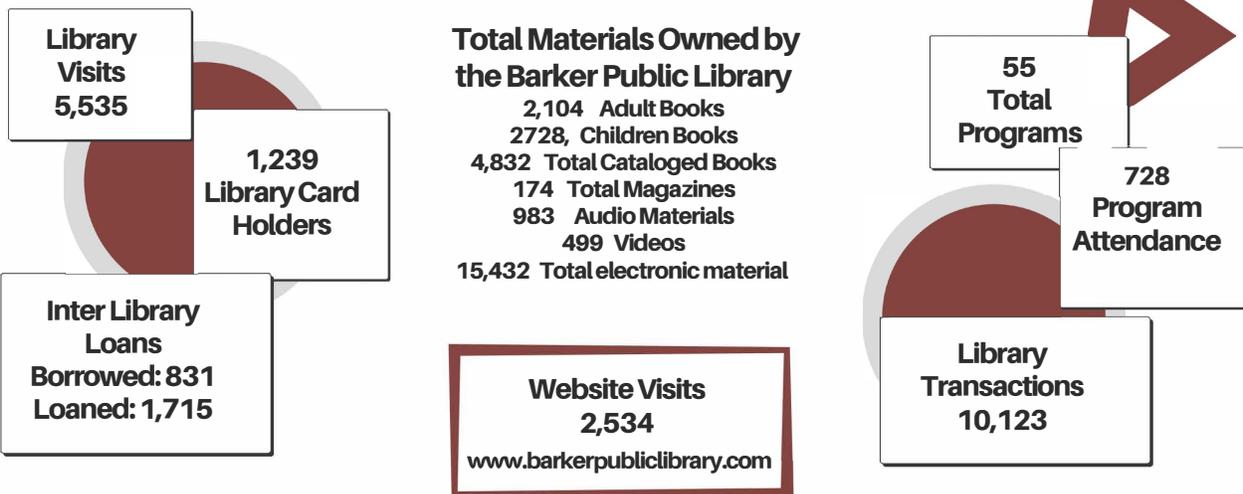
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To inspire, empower, educate and support our community.

# 2024 Annual Report to the Community

## 2024 By the Numbers



# Financials

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

## Receipts - Regular Operations:

Public Funds- \$94,462  
 County Funds \$4040.33  
 System Cash Grant- \$3,189  
 Gift & Endowments- \$1,741  
 Investment Income-\$14  
 Library Charges- \$878  
**Total- \$104,324**

## Expenditures - Regular Operations

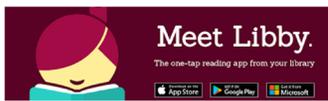
Staff- \$65,270  
 Collection- \$13,611  
 Building- \$5,064  
 Telecommunications- \$2,608  
 Office & Library Supplies- \$8,678  
 Professional/Insurance Fees- \$3,834  
 Other- \$5,465  
**Total- \$112,265**

Capital Fund (Fire Account)  
 Ending balance for Fiscal Year 2024- \$183,607

## Services Provided

Our Wi-Fi service is complimentary, available 24/7, with no password needed. We also provide access to computers, a fax machine, a copier, as well as printing, scanning, and laminating services.

Digital Services: Hoopla & Libby



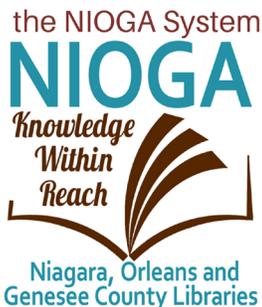
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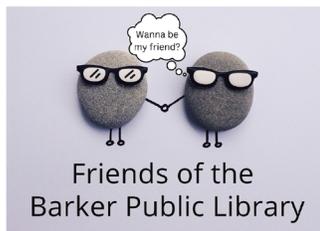
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**District Mission Statement:**

We will provide a school environment that fosters respect, compassion, tolerance, and nurtures life-long learners who make meaningful contributions to society.

Attention Juniors-Class of  
2027 and family members!

Please join our Junior class  
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To stay connected for all things  
homecoming, fundraiser, prom  
and more!

**Student artwork: Noralie  
Pierce, Drawing.**



**NEW WEBSITE**

The new Barker Central School District website will be live on Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Any website questions or concerns can be addressed via email to Jeff Costello: [jcostello@barkerbsd.net](mailto:jcostello@barkerbsd.net)