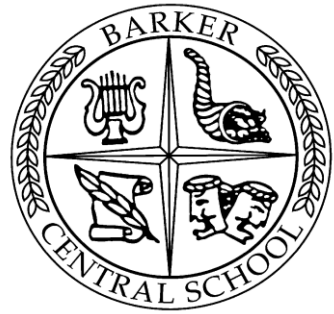


Barker Jr./Sr. High School

1628 Quaker Road, Barker, New York 14012-0328



August 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian(s),

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, DC. This year, your student will be eligible to participate with the Class of 2031.

MANDATORY PARENT MEETING:

There will be a mandatory parent meeting on September 2, 2026 at 6:45pm in the HS cafeteria. This meeting is a requirement in order for your child to participate in this class trip. If there is a conflict with this meeting time, you **must** call and schedule an appointment to meet with Dr. Love and the trip advisors.

TRAVELING DATES:

Depart BCS Tuesday, May 18, 2027, 6:15am

Return to BCS Friday, May 21, 2027 at approximately 6pm

APPROXIMATE COST PER STUDENT:

The number of students traveling to Washington, D.C. affects the cost per student. This 2026-2027 school year, the cost per student will be approximately \$650-\$675. In order to secure your child's seat on the bus, we ask that each student make a **non-refundable deposit of \$75** to their account and return the enclosed permission slip signed by both parent/guardian and student. Please make checks payable to the **Class of 2031**.

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:

Thursday, October 1	\$75 non-refundable deposit
Friday, December 11	\$215 total balance
Friday, January 29	\$355 total balance
Monday February 22	\$505 total balance
Monday March 22	Final payment Due
TOTAL BALANCE MUST BE ATTAINED BY MARCH 22, 2027	

A final payment will be due **March 22, 2027**. A letter showing the final amount due will be sent home to all students/parents. **If at any time you are unable to bring the balance up to the required amount, please contact us by phone or e-mail.**

FUNDRAISING:

Several fundraising opportunities will be made available throughout the year.

Main Events: Carson's pies and cookies and 8th Grade Spaghetti Dinner. Dates to be determined. Sales and participation in these fundraising events will help offset the cost of each student's trip.

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. All eligibility requirements reflect the Progressive Discipline Policy for Barker Jr/Sr High School. This policy is included in your mailing. Please read carefully the information below.

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

- Students suspended out of school for any reason throughout the school year.
- Students deemed by the school to be behaviorally inappropriate.
- Inappropriate use of a cell phone.
- Students failing more than two courses at the time of the trip.
- Students with 14 illegal absences or unexcused late arrivals. This will be tracked by the attendance office.
- Students with any outstanding balance as of March 22, 2027.

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 Washington DC 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 2031 also has a "Remind" option that parents and students are encouraged to sign up for.

Choose one of the following ways to join:

- From the Remind app, click "Add Class", then "Join Existing Class". Enter 2031 - BCS Washington DC Trip our code: @2031bcs OR

- Send a Text to 81010 Class Code @2031bcscdc

In addition to this eligibility policy, Dr. Love 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, Dr. Love can be reached at (716) 795-3600.

Any student who needs to cancel their reservation must do so **prior to February 2, 2027**. 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 Dr. Love. 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 the trip will also be determined based on total costs and final participation. Fundraising money remains the property of the Class of 2030.

EVERY STUDENT MUST RETURN the attached form signed by parent/guardian and student, whether you wish to attend the trip or not.

Thank you for continued support of a longstanding Barker tradition.

Sincerely,

Virginia Hambruch & Michael O'Sullivan

8th Grade Trip Advisors

Class of 2031 Washington, D.C. Trip Deposit & Fundraiser Permission Slip

All 8th grade students **MUST** sign and return this sheet to Mrs. Hambruch (Rm 155)
no later than **Thursday, October 1, 2026**.

Student Name _____

We have read and understand the information regarding the 8th grade Washington class trip, scheduled for May 18 -21, 2027.

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We have enclosed our **non-refundable deposit of \$75** in order to secure a seat on the bus and participate in the class trip.

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We **DO NOT** wish to participate in the class trip and understand we will **not** have another opportunity to join the trip later on this year.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date _____

Student Signature

Date _____

Progressive Discipline Framework – JR/SR High School

This progressive discipline framework provides a consistent, tiered response to student behaviors at Barker JR/SR High School. Disciplinary responses may be accelerated in cases involving serious violations. The goal is to promote student accountability, safety, and learning through appropriate consequences and restorative supports. This list is not exhaustive or inclusive of all possible violations, consequences, or supports. This document serves as a guide and “menu” for potential progressive discipline approaches. Student progressive discipline records are also considered in the process.

Level	Examples of Behavior	Possible Consequences	Restorative Supports	How This Behavior Affects The DC Trip
Level 1: Reminder (Blue)	• Talking out of turn • Minor dress code violation • Off-task behavior • Horseplay • Coming to class unprepared	• Verbal redirection • Non-verbal cue • Reteach expectations	• Teacher check-in • Positive reinforcement • Clarify classroom norms	
Level 2: Teacher Response (Green)	• Repeated Level 1 behaviors • Persistent low-level disruption • Mild disrespect • Repeated tardiness or unpreparedness	• Teacher detention • Loss of classroom privileges • Behavior documented as a Log Entry	• Reflection activity • Restorative conversation • Review behavior expectations • Teacher-parent/guardian contact	
Level 3: Administrative Referral (Yellow)	• Repeated noncompliance or Level 2 behaviors • Insubordination • Electronic device misuse • Moderate bus misconduct	• Discipline referral • Lunch detention • 10th Period detention • Extended detention (afterschool) • Loss of privileges	• Student conference • Parent/Guardian communication (Teacher & Admin) • Problem-solving or behavioral plan	• Student conference with chaperones and administration
Level 4: In-School Suspension (Orange)	• Academic dishonesty • First incident of bullying/cyberbullying that with limited impact; behavior not targeted or repeated, non-DASA • Academic dishonesty • Minor vandalism/theft • Lower-level physical violence or vague verbal threats • Extensive repetitive Level 3 behaviors	• In-school suspension (½ or full day) • Behavior contract • Loss of privileges	• Reflection form • Counseling referral • Restorative circle or mediation • Family conference and/or phone call (must offer conference)	• Family conference with student, student’s family, chaperones, and administration • Behavior contract established
Level 5: Out-of-School Suspension (Red)	• Extreme physical violence or threats • Possession of drugs, alcohol, or weapons • VADIR violations • Bullying/cyberbullying that is severe, repeated, or targeted based on identity; Title IX or DASA-violations; • Behavior causing injury, harm, or safety risk • Extensive repetitive Level 4 behaviors	• OSS (# of days dependent on behavior) • Police report (if necessary) • Re-entry meeting required • Behavior contract • Loss of privileges	• Re-entry plan • Behavior or safety support plan • Restorative re-entry conference • Family conference and/or phone call (must offer conference)	• Removal from the Washington DC trip

Note: If an out-of-school suspension exceeds five (5) days, a Superintendent’s Hearing will be conducted per Education Law §3214 to determine the final disciplinary outcome. This may include extended suspension, alternative placement, or other outcomes deemed appropriate. 10/1/2025