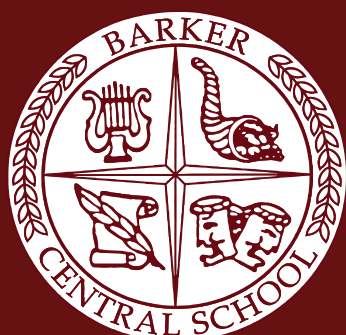


The Banner



A SEASON FOR GIVING



EClub members and adviser Miss Krista Beth Feltz prepared 26 gift-filled shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child (L-R): Kaya Lloyd, Jillian Fisk, Eva Kelsey, Nicholas Heidemann, Aurora Wass, Hailey Dodge, Alexzander Detschner, Julia Cimato, Rebecca Thering. Read more about it on page 6.

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Barker Learning Community,

I hope this edition of The Banner finds all of you well and getting ready for the Holiday Season. Time is truly the most valuable resource we have and there never seems to be enough to do all the things we want. During the Holidays, time seems to speed up for us all rather than slow down so I hope all of you are able to carve out time to spend with your loved ones and friends.

As we continue through this school year we continue to see so many great things happening on and around campus. I wanted to touch on a few of these to give you all an idea of all that is going on.

A portion of our large capital project has been approved by the New York State Department of Education. Specifically, our exterior work including the multipurpose athletic field, windows, tennis courts and parking lot work is set to begin as soon as weather allows. The intent is to have all of this work complete prior to the start of school in the fall. The remaining interior work is not quite approved by the State yet but we are expecting that to come very soon and for work on all interiors to begin over the summer. The renovations inside will take nearly all of next school year to finish with full completion expected by September of 2025. These tentative dates fall exactly in our initial timeline so we continue to be on track for this work. Please continue to check in to our capital project webpage for up to date info on designs and other info which can be found here: www.barkercsd.net/capitalproject.

We also have other capital work that is now close to being complete or fully complete. These include the replacement of the air conditioning units that failed in the Jr.-Sr. High School Auditorium, the replacement of a boiler system in our HS gym and pool area, and additional security upgrades to camera systems.

We have also seen the installation of the Niagara County Sheriff's Office communications tower come to completion. This endeavor has allowed for an increased range of radio communication across the district that can be integrated directly with emergency responders here on campus while also providing the Sheriff's Office with improved radio connectivity across our region, which also improves safety for our entire community.

Another important project that was recently completed was our solar array. It was finally connected and turned on by National Grid at the end of October and we are seeing savings already come our way, even during the fall. We expect to see significant savings really roll in starting in the spring through the summer. Again, we should see more than \$60,000 in savings annually over the lifespan of the solar array.

There are so many great things going on around campus and I am excited for what comes next. It still amazes me every single day as to what our students are able to accomplish. We should all be proud of what they have done and what they are poised to do in the future.

I hope to see you around school soon!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'JL Reimer'.

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

FROM THE DESK OF MRS. LOVE

Dear Barker Central School Community,

In this season of gratitude, I want to share my sincere thanks for the incredible support and collaboration executed daily to support our Barker students and our surrounding community. My heartfelt appreciation goes out to the dedicated teachers and staff who tirelessly nurture the minds of our students. Their unwavering commitment to fostering a love of learning is evident in the growth and enthusiasm seen in our students. Their impact extends far beyond the classroom, shaping our community's future leaders and creative thinkers. Specifically for the countless hours many teachers and staff members put in to provide additional opportunities for our students through our multitude of clubs, sports, extracurricular activities, and events throughout the school year.



Beyond our walls, we appreciate the collaborative efforts with the organizations that strengthen the bond between our school and the broader community. It is through these partnerships that we can provide a holistic and supportive environment for our students to learn and thrive. Thank you to the PTO, the Barker Lions Club, the Barker Fire Department, the Town of Somerset Police Department, and many other local organizations and businesses for their continued support of our students. Thank you to our parents, community members, and the Board of Education for your unwavering commitment to fostering an environment where every member of the Barker school community can flourish.

I would also like to take this opportunity to shine a light on the acts of kindness that our students and staff so often do to help others in need. Students collected countless food items for the local food pantry in grades PK-12th in the 7th & 8th Grade Student Council Can Drive and the Boat Load of Good campaign. Staff members and student organizations donated funds to provide turkeys to families for Thanksgiving. Staff members supported the Giving Tree initiative, purchasing gifts for families, and the eClub sponsored the Operation Christmas Child campaign. Beyond this, our community and the United Way have come together to support those in need with the Care Closet. It is wonderful to witness such powerful acts of kindness throughout our school!

There is so much for which to be thankful! Wishing you and your families a season filled with joy, gratitude, and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Micaela Maria Love".

Mrs. Micaela M. Love
PK-12 Principal
mlove@barkerbsd.net
716-795-3832

JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL HONOR & MERIT ROLL

The first quarter Honor & Merit Roll is posted on the homepage under Headlines & Features. Visit the Barker homepage: www.barkerbsd.net to view the names of the Barker Jr.-Sr. High School students who received academic achievement.





FROM THE DESK OF MR. CORNWELL

Happy Holidays from the Office of Curriculum and Professional Development!! Hopefully this update finds you enjoying the holiday season with family and friends.

The start of the school year has moved along quickly. Barker teachers continue to spend time working on mapping out their curriculum and instruction. As part of this work, grade level and content area teachers are developing a sequential plan that indicates the order in which content will be taught and learned, as well as the in-depth planning of instructional units of study.

We have also revamped our Instructional Cabinet at Barker CSD. This group is composed of nine teachers who represent different curricular and grade level areas of the elementary and secondary schools, as well as myself, the principal, and our instructional support specialist. We are very happy to have this additional representation on this important committee. The main objective of this group will be to make sure that our new Strategic Plan goals come to life and are realized and met over the next three years. These goals focus on increasing student engagement in the learning process, improving student literacy in all forms, and improving instructional outcomes for all students. This group will undertake some professional development to help strengthen its leadership skills and abilities, as well as plan out the professional development conference day in March.

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@barkercsd.net, or reach me by phone at 716-795-3388.

Yours in education,

Christian Cornwell
Coordinator of Curriculum & Professional Learning/AP
ccornwell@barkercsd.net

CONNECT LIFE BLOOD DRIVE PARTICIPATION EARNS SENIOR A SCHOLARSHIP

The Connect Life club sponsored a blood drive on Monday, October 24th in the junior high school gym. The average donor list has been 20-22 donors for each of the recent drives, but this time around there were 32 participants.

The participation in the drive earned a \$500 scholarship for one of our senior class students. The blood collected from the drive at BCSD will help to save the lives of 96 local patients.

Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Dudek would like to thank all who made the blood drive a success. Please email Mrs. Phillips: mphillips@barkercsd.net or Mrs. Dudek: mdudek@barkercsd.net for more information regarding the next blood drive which will take place on Thursday, January 18th from 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM.



FROM THE DESK OF MR. CARTER

Hello Barker Learning Community. We want to take this time to update everyone on a few important budget and operations items.

Tax collection officially closed as of October 31st. If a property tax bill went unpaid, that bill will be levied on the January 2024 county tax bill.

We are also in the starting stages of developing our 2024-2025 school budget. This involves working closely with our Budget Advisory Committee over the next several months. Our members include Board of Education representatives Randy Atwater (President), John Sweeney (Vice President) and Emily Gow. Community members are also involved: Ted Dauphinee, Tammy Mallon and Ruth King. We will be doing regular updates on the budget development process at our monthly Board of Education meetings. Information regarding Board Meeting dates and budget development can be found on the district website under the Business Office and Board of Education sections.

As we are all aware, the district needed to make the shift to our new mascot, the "Bulldogs." Campus visitors will see re-branding going on around the district over the winter and likely into the spring. We thank you all for your flexibility and continued support during this process.

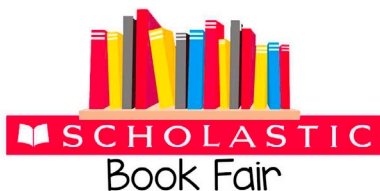
Please reach out to the Business Office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Michael Carter
Business Administrator
mcarter@barkercsd.net



PTO SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR, MEMBERSHIP, HOLIDAY SHOP



The Barker PTO was active this past fall, sponsoring a Scholastic Book Fair and The Holiday Shop. The book fair took place during school hours from November 6th-9th as well as in the evening during two nights of parent-teacher conferences. Students had the opportunity to visit the fair with their class and were encouraged to bring in pop tabs to donate to the Ronald McDonald House. Any student that brought in a pop tab donation was entered to win a McDonald's gift card. Also, anyone that chose to make a \$1 donation to the Barker PTO to purchase books for students received 1 free spin on the new prize wheel.



The results from the November book fair returned record-breaking numbers. Over \$7,400 worth of books and merchandise was sold at the fair with a profit of over \$3,700 for Barker Central!

The first week of December, the organization sponsored The Holiday Gift Shop. All students were again given the opportunity to visit with their class.

For more PTO information and to download a membership form, visit: www.barkercsd.net/pto

SRO CORNER

Greetings to our Barker/Somerset Community.

Your School Resource Officers' goal is to work together with everyone to keep our community and school safe. This includes all of us helping to provide a positive school climate. This can be done by supporting emotional and physical safety, identifying possible threats at school, being engaged and showing respect.

Students learn best in an environment in which they feel safe and supported.

Drive carefully on snowy/icy roads. This is especially true near and on school grounds. Please remember to drive with care and vigilance in school parking lots, bus stops, and the student drop off/pick up area.

If you have a student who drives to school, please go over safe driving rules with them to ensure we all can enjoy a safe environment.

Somerset Police/Barker School SROs



(Top-Bottom and L-R): Chief Jon Miller, Officer John Yotter, Officer Allison Parente.

ECLUB PARTICIPATES IN OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

EClub Jr.-Sr. High members participated in Operation Christmas Child again this year. This outreach program collects shoe box gifts-filled with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items and delivers them to children in need around the world. "I love getting people gifts so I had a lot of fun doing this," says EClub member Eva Kelsey. "I thought it was really fun to wrap boxes and buy gifts!"



The generous donations from EClub members and their families, community members and the faculty and staff at Barker Central School helped EClub members successfully make 26 gift-filled shoe boxes and raise \$280.00. "I helped with the Operation Christmas Child because I liked making a child's holiday season better and providing them gifts that can help them through the coming year," said EClub member Nicholas Heidemann. Club president Alexzander Detschner shared, "Operation Christmas Child is a good project that helps reach out to many children. I believe community service is important, therefore I help out whenever I can."

Thank you to all the people that donated and your support in making a difference in a child's life.

Rebecca Thering (pictured at the left) stated, "I helped with Operation Christmas Child because I wanted to help bring joy to the kids around the world who don't have an opportunity to have Christmas."

BOCES STUDENTS INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY

In November, six Barker students enrolled in BOCES programs at the Orleans Career and Technical Education Center in Medina, and the Niagara Career and Technical Education Center located in Sanborn, were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society. Petra Bish (Cosmetology), Trent Dickinson (Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering), Michayla Greene (Cosmetology), Isabella Joy (Health Occupations Technician), Charles LaGreca (HVAC), and David Merlin (Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering) were among over 100 students at the two BOCES locations who were honored in front of their teachers, families and school district representatives.

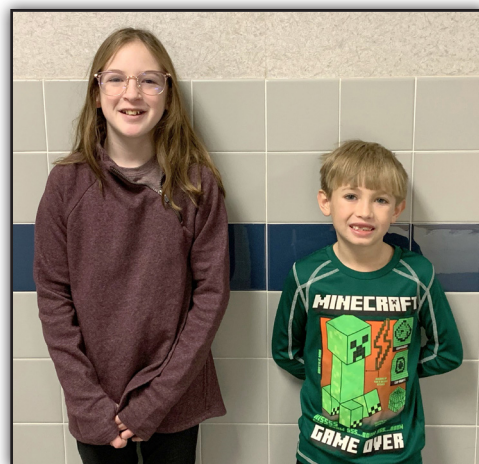
The National Technical Honor Society was founded in 1984 and a local chapter was formed in 2007. To be inducted into the NTHS, the students had to maintain an 89.5 grade average in their career and technical education programs and an 84.5 average at their high schools, have superior attendance, exemplary behavior, and be a member in good standing with SkillsUSA, an organization that emphasizes partnership, leadership, and community service. Together with SkillsUSA, the NTHS hope to ensure a skilled workforce. Out of all the high school students in the United States, the National Technical Honor Society students who receive this honor comprise 1.6 percent of that population. The four core objectives of the NTHS are: career development, leadership, service and recognition. The attributes of membership are: skill, honesty, service, responsibility, scholarship, citizenship, and leadership.



For individual pictures of each Barker inductee, visit the Headlines & Features section on our homepage: www.barkercsd.net



(Top-bottom): **Charles LaGreca**, pictured with his teacher Mr. Nicholas DiFelice, was inducted at a ceremony held at the Niagara Career and Technical Education Center in Sanborn. Orleans Career and Technical Education Center NTHS inductees (L-R): **Mr. Michael Gendrue** (Barker Counselor), **Michayla Greene**, **Isabella Joy**, **Petra Bish**, **Trent Dickinson**, **David Merlin**, **Mrs. Micaela Love** (Barker Principal).



Healthy Choices Poster Contest Winners (L-R): Tessa Seward (5th) and Lincoln Cantrell (2nd) currently have their posters on display at the Hamburg Fairgrounds Festival of Lights after they earned 2nd place and 3rd place respectively, in the Healthy Choices Poster Contest. View the winners at:

<https://www.wnyunited.org/>



Dalton Wins Lions Club Peace Poster Contest: Fiona Dalton (7th) was selected as the local winner of the 2023 Lions Club Peace Poster Contest. Barker science teacher and Lions Club member, Mr. Joel Strong presented Fiona with a certificate and art kit prize.



Contest Winners



Pumpkin Coloring Contest Winners (L-R): Early in October, the Junior High Student Council provided each Elementary student a pumpkin template to color and decorate. On October 26th, members of the JHSC voted and selected one winner from each grade level. A day later, JHSC members awarded prizes to the winners: Cole Cogar (PreK), Lydia Gabrys (K, not pictured), Hank Williams (1st), Finleigh Wendler (2nd), Cora Trakas (3rd), Teagan Costello (4th), Kian Baker (5th), Kasey Thering (6th).

GARDEN FENCE PROJECT COMPLETED

In the spring of 2003 a small garden was setup at Pratt Elementary School. Over the past 20 years many children have participated in the Garden Club and their working hands have helped to beautify the school and build a community garden full of vegetables, herbs, and flowers.

After almost 20 years, the garden and fence were in need of a makeover. The transformation process of the garden began in 2021 with a major clean up and the addition of raised beds and soil to the existing space. In 2022, work on the garden fence commenced.

In collaboration with Mrs. Phillips' art students, a contest was held to select a new fence design. Students in grades 2-8 submitted entries for the contest and a preliminary vote was taken to determine the 12 finalists. A District-wide vote took place and the data was tracked by 3rd graders using a tally table. In April of 2022, Noralie Pierce's design was selected as the winner. Also, during the spring of 2022, Mr. Mallon's tech students helped to clean the fence and prep it for a new paint job. Mrs. Phillips and Noralie Pierce painted the fence throughout the 2022-2023 school year. In the fall of 2023, members of the Garden Club, with help from the Jr. High Student Council, put the finishing touches on the fence and boxes.

Mrs. Calandra, Garden Club adviser, encourages community members to stop by over the summer to harvest and enjoy the vegetables and herbs that are ripe for the picking.

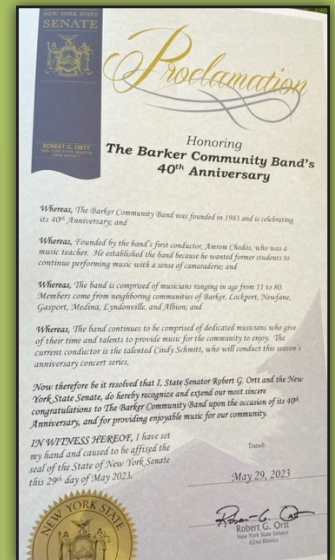
More garden fence images are available on the District Photo Gallery page: www.barkerccsd.net/photogallery



(Clockwise from upper left): **Noralie Pierce** displays her winning garden fence design. **Pierce** poses with the fence after it was painted. 3rd grader **Jessica Hillman** (Class of 2011) with the original fence design in 2003. **Kenzie Rose** assists **Daniella Carnes** with treating the garden boxes. **Cimari Street** and **Mrs. Calandra**, Garden Club adviser, weeded the flowers in the fall of 2023. Garden Club added flower pots to the Milford H. Pratt Elementary School entrance.

COMMUNITY BAND RECEIVES PROCLAMATION FROM NEW YORK STATE SENATOR ORTT

At the Town of Somerset Memorial Day Celebration, on May 29th, New York State Senator Robert Ortt presented current conductor Cindy Schmitt and The Barker Community Band a proclamation congratulating the band for 40 years of service. The band was founded in 1983 by BCS band director, Mr. Amrom Chodos because he wanted former students to continue performing music with a sense of camaraderie. Senator Ortt's proclamation, which was presented to current conductor, Cindy Schmitt, stated, "Now therefore be it resolved that I, ... do hereby recognize and extend our most sincere congratulations to The Barker Community Band upon the occasion of its 40th Anniversary, and for providing enjoyable music to our community."



ANASTASIA ANNOUNCED AS THIS YEARS MUSICAL

The Barker High School Musical Production of *Anastasia* will take place in the Herbert F. Ludwig Fine Arts Auditorium on the following dates and times:

- Friday, March 8, 2024 @ 7:00 PM
- Saturday, March 9, 2024 @ 7:00 PM
- Sunday, March 10, 2024 @ 3:00 PM

For more show information, contact Ms. Cheryl Johnson via email: cjohnson@barkericsd.net or visit www.barkericsd.net/hsmusical

The cast and crew include:

- Alexis Dauphinee: Empress Maria, Ensemble
- Shelby Dauphinee: Tsarina Alexandra Nikolaevna, Ensemble
- Adler Detschner: Vlad
- Charlie Dwyer: Count Ipilotov, Gorlinsky, Ensemble
- Connor Dwyer: Dmitry
- Jillian Fisk: Paulina, Swan Lake, Ensemble
- Bella Gatto: Romanov Dance, Comrade 3, Vagrant 3, Ensemble
- Sahara Holland: Gleb
- Julia Kalynycz: Lily, Ensemble Act 1
- Ava Kelemen: Olga Nikolaevna, Swan Lake, Ensemble

- Lucy Lunde: Ensemble
- Iliaana Manning: Ensemble
- Melodi Murphy: Marfa, Vagrant 1, Romanov Dance, Count Leopold, Ensemble
- Brionikah Mussell: Ensemble
- Noralie Pierce: Young Anastasia, Ensemble
- Zoey Quiett: Dunya, Ensemble
- Jocelyn Schmitt: Anya
- Liam Sherwin: Sergei, Vagrant 2, Ensemble
- Luke Stephan: Alexei Nikolaevna, Vagrant 4, Ensemble
- Olivia Voss: Romanov Dance, Swan Lake, Ensemble
- Cheyann Walker: Tatiana Nikolaevna, Ensemble
- Addisyn Weller: Maria Nikolaevna, Ensemble
- David Westcott: Tsar Nicholas Nikolaevna, Ensemble
- Alexis Carges: Backstage
- Summer Duchow: Lights
- Charlie Gow: Backstage
- Evangeline Harris: Lights
- Meghan Mallon: Stage Manager
- Lucas Nestoros: Lights
- Aleena Parfinski: Backstage
- Xyon Weese: Sound

MUSIC EXCELLENCE FOR BAND & CHORUS STUDENTS

On Saturday, December 9th, select Barker Jr.-Sr. High Band students performed at solo fest and were adjudicated on their performance. Freshman, Riley Marciszewski performed two solos on two different instruments. He received an A+ on a jazz solo on baritone saxophone and on a classical French horn solo. Sophomore, Julia Kalynycz played a level 6 snare drum solo (A+). Level 6 is the most difficult level to play. Junior, Michael Kalynycz also played a level 6 snare drum solo and scored a perfect 100. Junior, Ryan Fisk played a level 5 xylophone (B+). Senior, Lillia Piece played her first level 6 trumpet solo (A-), and Matthew Goodwin, also a senior, played a level 6 baritone and received an A+ at 99%.

Three 8th grade Jr. High Band members also represented Barker: Karl Hill - level 3 baritone saxophone (A), Ivy Feuersanger - level 3 flute (A), and Addisyn Weller - level 4 clarinet (A+).

Barker musicians were also active at the recent Area All-State events. Riley Marciszewski (baritone horn) and Adeline Atwater (trumpet) practiced and performed on November 3rd & 4th at Akron High School as part of the Jr. High Area All-State Band.

Jr. High Area All-State Chorus included Olivia Voss, Riley Klopfer, and Jillian Fisk. The trio also practiced and performed on November 3rd & 4th at Akron High School.

Julia Kalynycz and Alexis Dauphinee were selected for the Senior High Area All-State Treble Choir. Matthew Goodwin was selected to play baritone horn in the Senior High Area All-State Concert Band. The students performed with their respective ensembles on November 17th & 18th at Fredonia State College.



(Top-bottom and L-R): Jr. High Area All-State Concert Band - **Riley Marciszewski**, and **Adeline Atwater**. Jr. High Area All-State Chorus - **Olivia Voss**, **Riley Klopfer**, and **Jillian Fisk**. Sr. High Area All-State (L-R) - **Julia Kalynycz** and **Alexis Dauphinee**, were part of the Sr. High Area All-State Treble Choir. **Matthew Goodwin** was a member of the Sr. High Area All-State Concert Band.

TURKEY TROT & BARKER FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

On Thursday, November 30th, students in 4th-12th grade participated in the annual BCS Turkey Trot. This year, the BCS Nature Trail was used for the walking and race courses that finished at the stadium in front of a crowd of supportive students and staff. The run was a one-mile course, while the walk was a half mile. The students were able to enjoy spending time with their friends and teachers while walking, running, or cheering on their friends at the finish line. Mr. Carson organized the race/walk logistics and secured donations from Wegmans and Tops for sponsoring the post-race celebration.

Mr. Burke announced the winners of the Food Donation Challenge and was the emcee of the event. Mrs. Lamb created maps of the courses. Varsity Club, under the direction of Mr. Costello assisted with the refreshments after the race.

Awards were given to the top boy and girl finishers of the race. (Not all grade levels had a male/female competing in the race.) Congratulations to the following award winners:

- 5th grade: Maxwell Liuzzi & Hannah Monaco (Overall 5th-8th grade girl champion)
- 6th grade: Chace Atwater & Lilah Kelemen
- 7th grade: Max Baker
- 8th grade: Grayson Prynn (Overall 5th-8th grade boy champion) & Xyon Weese
- 9th grade: Peyton Wagner (6:13)
- 10th grade: Luke Fay (Overall 9th-12th grade boy champion - 5:56) & Jordyn Kinne (9:10)
- 11th grade: Isaac Monaco (6:12) & Mikala Woock (Overall 9th-12th grade girl champion 7:07)
- 12th grade: Albert Cimato

The Jr. High Student Council, along with advisers Mrs. Pellow and Mr. Burke, organized the food collection in the homerooms. The top homeroom donation was Mr. DerSarkissian's room with 245 donations. Brenton Burzynski provided 26 items and Sam Liuzzi donated 24. Mr. Jurewicz's homeroom gave 165 items and Kylie Lemis provided 145 of them. The homeroom team of Mr. Pyskaty and Mrs. Pellow provided 76 items. Mrs. Monaco's room added another 75 items. Several other classrooms also donated items.

The Sr. High Student Council was responsible for collecting \$10 "turkey" donations from clubs and sports teams. Individual staff members and groups also donated to the cause. Last year, \$1,000 or 100 turkeys were donated through the combined efforts of BCS Staff and the different organizations. The Sr. High Student Council and adviser, Mr. Pyskaty, reported that this year's Turkey Drive finished with a grand total of \$1,120 contributed. A display outside the HS Library showed all the donations made. Mr. Gendrue organized the staff initiative and collected their donations to purchase holiday turkeys and other perishables for the Barker food pantry.

The Pratt Elementary Boat Load of Good food drive was a huge success as well, with a record number of 2,135 goods donated to the Barker Food Pantry. The classroom contest was organized by Mrs. Thibault, Instructional Support Specialist, and she had daily assistance from 5th and 6th grade students who counted, collected, and delivered nonperishables to the boat outside the Pratt Office. Each day had a theme, and the Barker PTO sponsored the daily prizes of a \$20 Tops gift card. 7th graders from Mrs. Phillips' art class helped load Mrs. Thibault's truck to deliver all of the items. Daily classroom winners were:

- Break for Breakfast Monday: Mrs. Pavlock
- Taco Tuesday: Mrs. Nobles
- Whatever You Want Wednesday: Ms. Tabone
- Lots-a-Pasta Thursday: Mrs. Mocarski
- "Can" It Be the Weekend Friday: Mrs. Ober

6th grader, Malik Wearen helped to organize boxes of food during the Pratt Elementary Boat Load of Good collection.



THE SPORTS PAGE

The fall 2023 season produced 5 NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete Teams, 1 Niagara-Orleans League Sportsmanship Award, 7 N-O League 1st Team selections, 1 N-O League Player of the Year, 1 N-O Tournament Champion, and 1 NYSPHSAA State Qualifier.

Our new mascot is now the Bulldogs. More information regarding the graphic will be available in the new year.

NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete Teams:

- Boys Cross Country
- Girls Cross Country
- Field Hockey
- Golf
- Girls Soccer (with Lyndonville)



N-O League Sportsmanship Award:

- Team - Golf
- Individual - Adler Detschner



N-O League 1st Team All-League recognition:

- Luke Fay, Cross Country
- Peyton Wagner, Cross Country
- Emma Evans, Cross Country (NYSPHSAA State Qualifier)
- Mikala Woock, Cross Country
- Madilyn Detschner, Field Hockey
- Madelina Pavlock, Field Hockey
- Joel Harris, Golf (N-O League Golfer of the Year, League Tournament Champion)

Athletes of the Week:

- Shelby Dauphinee, Cross Country (10/16/23)
- Peyton Wagner, Cross Country (10/16/23)
- Hailey Dodge, Field Hockey (10/9/23)
- Ireland Brady, Football (10/9/23)
- Rachel Sutter, Field Hockey (10/2/23)
- Nathan Popovich, Golf (10/2/23)
- Michayla Greene, Soccer (9/25/23)
- Luke Fay, Cross Country (9/25/23)
- Mikala Woock, Cross Country (9/18/23)
- Charles LaGreca, Golf (9/18/23)
- Emma Evans, Cross Country (9/11/23)
- Aidan Mescall, Football (9/11/23)
- Madelina Pavlock, Field Hockey (9/4/23)
- Joel Harris, Golf (9/4/23)



Check out additional athletics information including recognition graphics, pictures, schedules, Athlete of the Week and more. Visit the Barker Athletics channel on our website:

www.barkericsd.net/athletics

Follow Barker Bulldogs Athletics on X: @BarkerBulldogs

Varsity athletes volunteered at least 2 hours of time to participate in the Niagara-Orleans League Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Food Drive. (Below) Members display 3 of the holiday care boxes they assembled to provide families a full Thanksgiving Day meal. Extra products were collected that were donated to the local food pantry.



FOOD DRIVE VOLUNTEERS

NAOMI BISH, PEYTON WAGNER, LUKE FAY, SHELBY DAUPHINEE, MICHAEL KALYNYCZ, PETRA BISH.

NOT PICTURED: ANDREAS NESTOROS & MADELINE PAVLOCK.





Community Education Program Winter 2023 Classes

Winter Classes Begin
January 16th with most concluding at the
end of March.

No classes January 15th, February 19th -23^d
Check website for updates to schedules:
www.barkerccd.net/adulted

**Please register by January 10th to
ensure that your class is not canceled
due to low enrollment.**

Let us know...

We would like to hear from you. If you have any questions, looking for a new class, have suggestions, or would you like to teach and share a hobby with the community...

Please Contact: Mary Eadie, Director of Community Education at 716-795-3110, meadie@barkerccd.net

Special Programs

AARP Smart Driver	High School Cafeteria	Tuesday, March 19 & Wednesday, March 20 6:00 – 9:00 PM
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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 are required to hold this class. Participants must attend both evenings to qualify for discounts. 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. Check with your insurance provider for specifics. There is no Barker Senior discount for this course.

Instructor: George Laskey	Cost: \$25.00 AARP Members/\$30.00 Non-Members Checks made payable to AARP – Not to BCS Include AARP # on Check Please	2 Classes
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Community Band	Band Room	Mondays, 7:00 – 9:00 PM
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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 rmfrost88@yahoo.com

Contact: Marcia Frost	Free but must be registered.	
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American Legion Post #425 Military Museum		Available Upon Request
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The American Legion Post #425 has a classroom across from the High School cafeteria. It is a Military Museum, which was started in the Yorker House south of the school. It contains memorabilia from the Civil War through today. You can see pictures of Barker Veterans starting with WWI, uniforms from different wars, books, pictures and hundreds of artifacts. This room is a great history resource room for all teachers and students, and the community. Set up an appointment for anyone who would like to look back in history of our country, please contact Donald Coates at 716-778-5291 or Mary Eadie at: meadie@barkerccd.net.

Regular In-House Classes/Programs

Antique Auto Restoration	Room 161	Starts 1/23 No Class 2/20	Tuesdays 4:00 – 6:00 PM
Come and explore the various techniques used to accomplish sheet metal work, welding, painting, cleaning and other tasks necessary to restore antique automobiles. No formal instruction given. There will be a charge for all materials used. Lab Fee: Participants will be charged for, and will be responsible for, all supplies used in course.			
Instructor: Tom Mallon	\$40.00 (Seniors \$20.00)		8 weeks
Basketball	High School Gym	Starts 1/22 No Classes 2/19, 2/21	Mondays & Wednesdays 7:00 – 9:00 PM
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. Sorry, adults only, No STUDENTS, and you must be registered to participate.			
Instructor: Jared Morgan	\$50.00 (Seniors \$25.00)		8 weeks
Body Sculpting	Elementary Gym	Starts 1/16 No classes 1/18, 2/20, 2/22	Tuesdays & Thursdays 7:30 – 8:30 PM
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. Hooch	\$45.00 (Seniors \$22.50)		8 weeks
Ceramics	Room 183		Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:00 PM Classes: 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 4/11
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.			
Instructor: Krista Beth Feltz	\$20.00 (Seniors \$10.00) Lab Fee: \$25-no discount, please send with registration		4 weeks
Crochet For All Skill Levels	Room 183	Starts 1/22 No classes 1/15, 2/19	Mondays 6:30 – 8:00 PM
<i>Twisted and hooked!</i> 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
Family/Lap Swim	Pool	No class 1/15, 2/19 & 2/21	Mondays and Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:30 PM
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. <i>Parents must accompany students and stay in the pool area at all times.</i>			
Staff Lifeguards	\$40.00 (\$20.00 Seniors)		8 weeks
Greeting Card Class	Room 183		Thursday, 6:00 – 8:00 PM Classes: 1/18, 2/1, 2/15, 2/29
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. Lab Fee for materials - \$13 per class.			
Instructor: Mary Kersch	\$20.00 (Seniors \$10.00) \$13.00 Lab fee per class - for materials, pay at class		4 weeks

Hall Walking		No classes 1/15, 2/19-23	Mondays – Thursdays 6:00 – 8:00 PM
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. Hall walkers must be registered and sign-in each night at the High School south side entrance.			
No Instructor	Free		8 weeks
Knitting For All Skill Levels	Room 183	Starts 1/16 No classes 2/20	Tuesdays 6:00 – 8:00 PM
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
Medicare 101 Understanding Your Options	High School Cafeteria	<u>2 Dates Available:</u> Tuesday, January 30 or Tuesday, March 19	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	Free – you must register to attend, please note preferred date on registration.		
Quilting – Alaska Ruler I	Room 183		Saturday, February 3 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Creative Grids Alaska Ruler quilting. You will learn how to make the blocks that are featured in Edyta Sitar's Alaska quilt by cutting a multitude of shapes in a variety of sizes such as 45° wedges, diamonds, squares and half-square triangles all with the same ruler and piecing them together to make a beautiful keepsake! You can attend either quilting class or both.			
Instructor: Janice Stoll	\$25.00 (Seniors \$12.50)		1 Day
Quilting – Alaska Ruler II	Room 183		Saturday, March 2 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Creative Grids Alaska Ruler quilting. A continuation of the first class but all are welcome and you need not attend Feb. 3 to join this one!			
Instructor: Janice Stoll	\$25.00 (Seniors \$12.50)		1 Day
R.A.D. Defensive Systems Course	Cafetorium	Ladies Only	Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27 6:00 – 9:00 PM
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. Free to any High School female student. Additional information and pre-registration can be done with the Somerset Police Department. Fee includes materials provided for course.			
Instructor: Somerset Police	\$40.00 (Seniors \$20)/Free to Female HS Students		4 Weeks
Stretch and Tone Your Body	Elementary Gym	Starts 1/16 No classes 1/18, 2/20, 2/22	Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:30 – 7:30 PM
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.			
Instructor: Trisha M. Hoock	\$45.00 (Seniors \$22.50)		8 weeks

Volleyball	High School Gym	Starts 1/16 No classes 1/23, 2/20, 2/22	Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Mixed volleyball for all skill level players to participate in a fun environment so all have an enjoyable evening. Sorry, adults only, No STUDENTS, and you must be registered to participate.			
Instructor: Jim Harris	\$50.00 (Seniors \$25.00)		8 weeks
Water Aerobics	Pool		Mondays and Wednesdays 5:30 – 6:30 PM
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 and the class size is limited to 30 participants.			
Instructor: Beth VeRost	\$45.00 (Seniors \$22.50)		8 weeks
Wine Glass Painting 	183		Thursday, April 18 6:00-8:00 PM
Painting is not just for the canvas! Create your own custom wine glass, hand-painted by you! Price includes 2 wine glasses & 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 small box or container to bring your glasses home in.			
Instructor: Krista Beth Feltz	\$15.00 (Seniors \$7.50) Lab fee: \$10.00 - no discount, please send with registration		1 Night
Yoga 	Jr. High Gym		Thursdays 7:00 – 8:00 PM
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	\$40.00 (Seniors \$20.00)		8 weeks
Zumba 	Jr. High Gym		Mondays 7:15-8:15
The most awesome workout ever! Dance to great music, with great people, and burn a ton of calories without even realizing it. We take "work" out of workout. The ultimate dance-fitness party will groove you into shape. No experience or partner needed. All fitness levels welcome. Wear comfortable clothes, sneakers and bring a water bottle. Crystal is a licensed instructor.			
Instructor: Crystal Adams	\$40.00 (Seniors \$20.00)		8 weeks

Online Classes/Programs – **NEW COURSES**

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!

Acupressure to Relieve Stress, Anxiety, Insomnia & More	Online		Monday, April 22, 2024 7:00 – 8:30 PM
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.			
Instructor: Janice Novak	\$30.00 (\$15.00 Seniors)		1 night

Soothe Those Achy Joints	Online		Tuesday, March 5, 2024 7:00 – 8:30 PM
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.			
Instructor: Janice Novak	\$30.00 (\$15.00 Seniors)		1 night
Vitamins & Herbs: Facts & Fallacies	Online		Monday, March 4, 2024 7:00 – 8:30 PM
Confusion abounds about vitamin supplements. Do you need them? Which ones are best? How do you choose? In this workshop, you will learn the 7 guidelines that determine if a supplement is well balanced or a waste of money. (The instructor DOES NOT sell any supplements). Also, we'll discuss what current research says about: antioxidants, phytochemicals, anti-aging nutrients, colloidal minerals, chelated minerals, sustained release formulas, as well as Collagen, Glucosamine Chondroitin, Melatonin, Ginkgo, Ginseng & Echinacea.			
Instructor: Janice Novak	\$30.00 (\$15.00 Seniors)		1 night
Just Breathe! Techniques to Calm, Center & Balance	Online		Monday, March 11, 2024 7:00 – 8:30 PM
Breathing in specific ways can have amazing and powerful healing benefits on mind and body. Breath work is the single most powerful thing you can practice for improving energy levels, health, and well-being. In this workshop, you will learn ancient breathing exercises that will: neutralize stress by reprogramming your nervous system; increase energy and vitality; increase brain function; improve immune response; decrease depression and anxiety; and help strengthen your back and abs from the inside out. This powerful technique for optimum health of mind and body is literally right under your nose.			
Instructor: Janice Novak	\$30.00 (\$15.00 Seniors)		1 night
Face Yoga	Online		Tuesday, January 23, 2024 7:00 – 8:30 PM
There are 19 flat muscles in your face, all of which can be strengthened and toned, just like arm or leg muscles. Facial exercises can take years off your appearance by reducing frown and forehead lines, reducing 'puppet mouth' lines, lifting and firming neckline, making upper and lower cheeks fuller, reduce puffiness and sagging around eyes, improve circulation and nutrient flow into cells and improve lymph circulation. Learn simple exercises that will rejuvenate your face. You will need a regular teaspoon for a few of the exercises and a little of your favorite facial moisturizer.			
Instructor: Janice Novak	\$30.00 (Senior \$15.00)		1 night
Hips, Thighs & Otherwise	Online		Wednesday, January 31, 2024 7:00-8:30 PM
If you've noticed hip/thigh/butt spread, you are not alone. In this workshop, you will learn: my famous '10 Minute Miracle Exercise' series to strengthen lower body muscles quickly and, in the process, increase metabolism and bone density; decrease 2 inches off saddlebag area in 2 weeks; trim inches off lower body by getting rid of excess water weight; breathing technique to stimulate fat metabolism; acupressure points for lymph circulation and drainage. If you don't have time, money, or inclination to haul yourself to a gym, you will love these powerful and effective techniques. You will need a resistance band, tied in a loop for some of the exercises.			
Instructor: Janice Novak	\$30.00 (Senior \$15.00)		1 night
Online Cooking with Tess – Soups Instant Pot or Not & Bowls			Saturday, February 24, 2024, 5:00 – 7:30 PM
Adult cooking class with Tess Georgakopoulos, "Chef Tess" Learn to create creamy chicken & wild rice, creamy broccoli-cheddar soup and Italian bread bowls with your family at home. One soup will use an instant pot/electric pressure cooker and one cooking pot for another. This is an online fun inter-active Zoom class. Chef Tess noted her information has a copyright and asks that the supply list packet which will be provided prior to class so you can shop and the recipe cards not be shared as they are for the participant(s) in the same household. Please note, due to the costs associated with this course, no Senior Discount is available.			
Instructor: Tess Georgakopoulos			\$40.00
Online Cooking with Tess – Focaccia, Stromboli, Calzones! Oh My!			Saturday, April 20, 2024, 5:00 – 7:30 PM
Adult cooking class with Tess Georgakopoulos, "Chef Tess" Learn to focaccia, Stromboli, and calzones! This is an online fun inter-active Zoom class your immediate family can enjoy together. Chef Tess noted her information has a copyright and asks that the supply list packet which will be provided prior to class so you can shop and the recipe cards not be shared as they are for the registered participant(s) in the same household. Please note, due to the costs associated with this course, no Senior Discount is available. See Community Ed page for more info.			
Instructor: Tess Georgakopoulos			\$40.00

BCS Community Education Registration Form - Winter 2023

Please complete all information and sign to be registered

Please Print and Fill Out Completely

First Name		Last Name	
Street Address			
City		Contact Number	
Zip Code		Contact Email	
Emergency Contact Name		Emergency Contact Number	

Contact information is used to keep you informed of other important information.

Please Note:

- 1.) A separate registration form is needed for each participant.
- 2.) Registration must accompany payment.
- 3.) No refunds issued after classes begin.
- 4.) You can assume your registration has been accepted unless you are notified otherwise.

Payment/Mailing Information:

Payable to:
Barker Central School Community Education
(Unless otherwise noted)

Mail Registration & Payment to:
Director of Community Education
Barker Central School District
1628 Quaker Road, Barker, NY 14012

Course(s)	Cost
Total Due	\$
Check Number	
Are you a District Senior Citizen (55+) with a Barker Senior Citizen Card for a course discount?	
Yes	No

Questions, please contact: Mary Eadie, Director of Community Education
716-795-3110 or meadie@barkercsd.net

For updated Community Education information and schedule:
Please visit the BCS website at: www.barkercsd.net/adulted

Looking for a new class, or would you like to teach and share a hobby?
Please let us know as we are always looking for new classes to share with the community!

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS:

This agreement is between named participant on this form and the Barker Central School District (including the Barker Central School District Community Education Program, its Community Education 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 on the registration form. The participant further agrees to abide by the policies of the Barker Central School District and its Community Education Program.

I hereby state that I do not have any ailments or physical condition that would prevent or inhibit me from fully participating in the specified activities and/or classes. I understand that there is a risk of injury inherent in the foregoing community education classes and/or activities. I hereby accept and assume all risks inherent in the specified Community Education classes and/or activities. I undertake this activity at my own risk. I voluntarily assume full responsibility for any losses, property damage, or personal injuries sustained in the specified activities and/or classes. I further agree 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, I hereby release 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.

I further agree that the Barker Central School District will not be liable to me 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 Coordinator, its Community Education instructors, or other related members, agents, authorized guests, or affiliated organizations.

Participant Signature _____ Date _____

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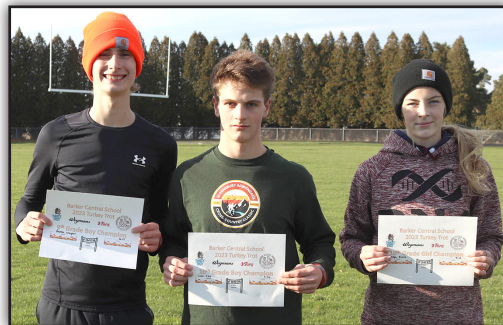
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District Mission Statement:

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

\$1,120 & 2,135 ITEMS DONATED

Pratt Elementary and Barker Jr.-Sr. High School students and staff, sports teams, clubs and other organizations participated in the Boat Load of Good Food Drive, Food Donation Challenge, and Turkey Challenge to benefit the Barker Food Pantry. Read more about these events and the Turkey Trot on page 12.



(L-R): Peyton Wagner (9th), Luke Fay (10th), and Jordyn Kinne (10th) were race winners in the annual Turkey Trot. Check out more Turkey Trot pictures at: www.barkercsd.net/photogallery

ANASTASIA

Anastasia is coming to the stage at BCS March 8-10, 2024. Read more about the show dates and times, cast, and crew on page 10.