



SPORTS DESK - LETTER FROM THE A.D.

We had an extremely successful 2023-2024 year in athletics celebrating several championships, winning seasons, scholar-athlete teams, individual scholar-athletes, record-breaking athletes and sportsmanship team awards. Throughout the past year we successfully implemented an electronic registration process using Arbitersports/Family ID and created a new school mascot and logo with the help and input from our students and community. We also continued with our Athlete of the Week program that was started in the spring of 2023 recognizing 38 well-deserving student-athletes for their accomplishments in their seasons. We would like to once again thank our community businesses for their support: Crosby's,

The Grain House Eatery and Taphouse, Harris Farms, and the Barker Cafeteria. These businesses continued to graciously donate many items weekly and posted pictures within a display of these standout athletes at their locations.

I am also pleased to announce that the building of our new turf complex, upgrades to our outdoor concession stand, tennis courts and throwing areas for track and field was a huge success. I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make the project a success.

Moving forward into the 2024-2025 year, we have many exciting things in the works and changes in our athletic programs that parents, student-athletes, staff, and the entire community should be aware of. First, we are bringing football back to our campus where the majority of Varsity and Modified football games and practices will now be played on our new turf. We are also bringing more JV and Varsity girls' soccer games back to Barker. In addition, we are in the process of bringing back our cheerleaders for home basketball games. Lastly, permanent tee boxes from the leftover turf and signage created by Mr. Mallon and his students will be installed on our campus disc golf course by the end of fall.

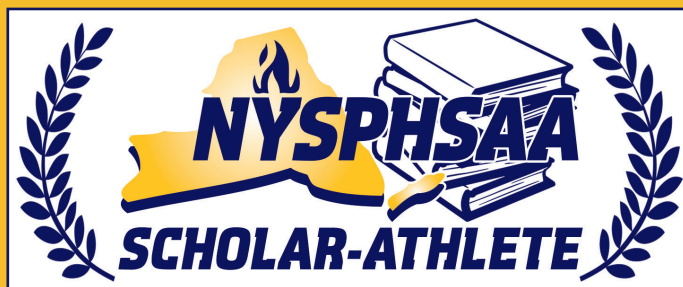
I look forward to the upcoming school year where we will continue to work hard at stressing academics, attendance and the rebranding of our new Bulldog mascot. It is surely going to be an exciting year in Bulldog Athletics! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Athletic Department and we will be happy to address them promptly. GO BARKER!

Sincerely,

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Spring All-WNY Scholar-Athletes:

- Lucas DerSarkissian
- Emma Evans

Spring Scholar-Athlete Teams:

- Baseball
- Softball
- Tennis
- Boys Track & Field
- Girls Track & Field

THE SPORTS PAGE

Since the last issue of *The Banner*, several outstanding athletic performances have taken place, including 7 Niagara-Orleans League championships, all 5 of our spring sport teams being Scholar-Athlete teams (see page 20), 8 additional Athletes of the Week, a Sportsmanship Award, and 5 All-League 1st Team members. The Softball team was also ranked in the top 10 of the Buffalo News Softball Small Schools Poll during the season and the Tennis team won the programs first ever Team Sectionals match with a 5-0 shutout of Depew.



N-O League All-League Track & Field Champions:

- Keira Dalton - Discus
- Emma Evans - 3000m Run
- Jordyn Kinne - 100m Hurdles
- Ilianna Manning - Shot Put
- Zackary Santarsiero - Shot Put

Niagara-Orleans League, 1st Team All-League:

- Anna Bowerman - Softball
- Peyton Bradley - Softball
- Kaylee Stoll - Softball
- Lucas DerSarkissian - Tennis
- Daniel Goodwin - Tennis

N-O League Tennis Doubles Champions:

- Lucas DerSarkissian & Daniel Goodwin

N-O/G-R Exceptional Senior Baseball Game:

- Charles LaGreca

N-O League Sportsmanship Award:

- Charles LaGreca, Baseball

N-O/G-R Exceptional Senior Softball Game:

- Anna Bowerman

To view the Athletes of the Week, visit www.barkerccd.net/aotw



2024 N-O League Undefeated (12-0) Softball Champions (L-R): Head Coach Aileen Gilbert, Anna Bowerman, Macie May, Petra Bish, Madelina Pavlock, Natalie Brandel, Madyson Flint, Elise Monaco, Kaylee Stoll, Rachel Sutter, Michayla Greene, Peyton Bradley, Arianna Sturtevant, Samantha Murphy and Assistant Coach Bill Moeller.