

New Ways of Celebrating

Words and phrases of the pandemic have become “the new normal”: wash your hands, unprecedented, uncharted, flatten the curve, quarantined, and abundance of caution. Even during these “trying times” when many events have been canceled, the staff and students at Barker Central have found ways to participate in activities by following “social distancing” and “wearing a mask.” A back-to-school spirit week in September to celebrate the seasons, Buffalo Bills spirit days, Christmas sweater & sock day, and Christmas pajama day created opportunities to unify the staff and students, both in-person and remotely. Costumes and trick-or-treating at Pratt Elementary School gave staff and students the chance to celebrate Halloween in late October. 3rd & 4th graders decorated pumpkins which lined the sidewalks and entrances of Pratt Elementary during the week of Halloween. Candy and trick-or-treat bags were donated by the Barker School community. Students from the Jr./Sr. High School along with staff members volunteered to help with the candy distribution to elementary trick-or-treaters. A living history museum in the Jr./Sr. High School took place as staff and students dressed up as their favorite historical figure. Also, the bands have been working on preparing for virtual concerts. Please be sure to check out the Music Department page on the BCS website to listen.

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(Clockwise from upper left): **Adalyn Snell**, does her best impersonation of **Officer Erica Herlofson** during Halloween trick-or-treating; **Kiana Abrams** practices for an intermediate band virtual concert; **Robert Mason, Kathleen Babcock, and Virginia Alexander** volunteered to hand out candy; **Ella Taylor and Madilyn Detschner** both portrayed **Rosie the Riveter** for the living history museum; **Willard Nellist** dressed for summer during the back-to-school spirit week; **Ashlin Cole and Mr. DerSarkissian** “celebrate the seasons” with their fall attire; **3rd grade pumpkins**.