

# After-school activities a great way to get involved

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Here at Barker, the staff and faculty try to create many after-school activities to engage students.

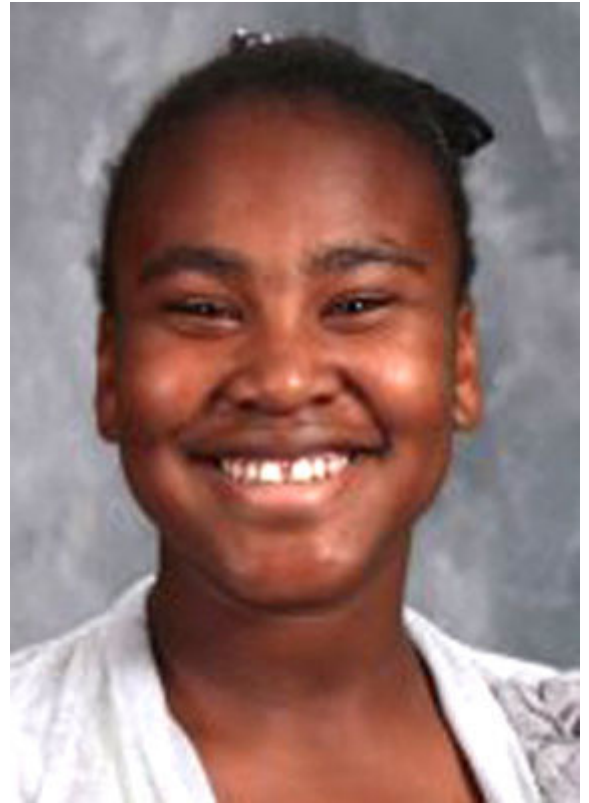
One of the activities we have is Student Council. This gives students a chance to brainstorm many fun events that he or she will think their fellow classmates might enjoy. Students can also think about what fundraisers might benefit the school the most. I think Student Council gives students a chance to develop teamwork skills and to work collaboratively with friends or even with people who they haven't met yet.

Another after-school activity is Club Discovery. Club Discovery offers a chance for you to work on homework with the help of an adult. Inside this program are many other programs, like programs for fitness, which teaches students about drug abuse and the effects drugs have on life.

Finally, Barker offers another program that selects students who have good grades and little to no behavioral infractions: National Junior Honor Society. This is a place that shows that we, at Barker, care about those that can't provide for themselves and that we want to give back to the community. Although it requires 30 service hours, it's a beneficial program to the school, the students and other citizens as well.

Overall, Barker has so much to offer and I think students should take advantage of each one.

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