

Dr. Worthington's Message

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Our next **Baker MS Open House** will be held this. Come visit your child(ren)'s classes from **8:15 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3**. We will also have a **Coffee & Conversation 9:45–10:30 a.m. in the Media Center**. Please see page 5 for the agenda.

SSL News — Superintendent's SSL Award

Students interested in getting the Superintendent's SSL award this year **must have 75 SSL hours turned in BEFORE April 5!** Please see Mrs. Paredes if you have any questions about this. If you turn SSL hours in after April 5, they will be accepted, but will not count towards the Superintendent's SSL award for this year!

2024-2025 Baker Middle School Motto

It's time to start thinking about the new **school motto** for the **2024–2025** school year! The window for submitting entries for Baker's school motto for the 2024–2025 school year via a portal on Baker's website will be **March 18 through April 10, 2024**. *We look forward to reading your suggestions!*

SGA Creating Comfort Case Backpacks

SGA, with the help of the Baker MS community, is creating comfort case backpacks for teens in the foster care system in MCPS. Please donate any of these items: backpacks, duffel bags, blankets, pjs, journals, pens and pencils, stuffed animals, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, shampoo and conditioner, soap, bodywash, and books. Travel sizes are preferred.

Autism Awareness Spirit Week

Students & Staff: Please show your support and spirit for Autism Awareness Month during the whole week of April 8th!

- **Monday, April 8:** Celebrate how our minds work by wearing a hat!
- **Tuesday, April 9:** Celebrate the beauty of diverse ways of thinking by wearing anything rainbow or tie-dye!
- **Wednesday, April 10:** Celebrate focused passion of interest by wearing your favorite outfit!
- **Thursday, April 11:** Show acceptance of individuals with autism by wearing red, blue, and/or yellow!
- **Friday, April 12:** Acknowledge sensory sensitivities, such as touch, sound, and hearing by wearing pajamas!



Looking Ahead

April — Arab American Heritage Month, Autism Awareness Month, and School Library Media Month

Monday, April 1

Holiday — schools and offices closed

Tuesday, April 2 — Activity Buses

Art Club, Room 210, Ms. Alvarado
Chess Club, Room 115, Mr. Ciccarello
Homework Club, Room 227, Ms. Laraia
SGA Meeting, Room 233, Ms. Blankenship

Wednesday, April 3 — Activity Buses

Baker Open House and Coffee and Conversions (*see pages 3–5*)
Soccer vs. Clemente, Boys Home/Girls Away
Drama Club, Media Center, Ms. Friedman
Flag Football, Field, Mr. Cummings
Kickball Club, Blacktop, Mr. Ruocco
NJHS, Room 209, Mr. Conner
RubiK's Cube Club, Room 225, Mr. Fisher
Street Hockey, Mr. Sprankle

Thursday, April 4 — Activity Buses

Symphonic Band Adjudication
Drama Club, Media Center, Ms. Friedman
Flag Football, Field, Mr. Cummings
Jazz Band, Room 107, Mrs. Fell
K-Club, Room 210, Ms. Alvarado
Kickball Club, Blacktop, Mr. Ruocco
Street Hockey, Mr. Sprankle

Friday, April 5

Deadline for submittin SSL forms for Superintendent's SSL Award

Sunday, April 7

RespectFest (*see page 2*)

Tuesday, April 9 — Activity Buses

End of Marking Period 3
Baker International Festival Night (*see p 6*)

Wednesday, April 10

No school for students

Thursday, April 11 — Activity Buses

Marking Period 4 begins

Friday, April 12

Madhouse! — Spring Drama Production, 7:00 p.m., Baker Gym

Saturday, April 13

Madhouse! — Spring Drama Production, 1:00 p.m., Baker Gym
Youth Climate Summit (*see page 9*)

SEE Something → SAY Something
Maryland Safe School Hotline Number
1-833-MD-B-SAFE / 1-833-632-7233

Pillars of Character

“Character – the willingness to accept responsibility for one’s own life – is the source from which self-respect springs.” *Joan Didion*

Character education is an integral part of the instructional program at Baker Middle School. A person of good character is ethical and has moral strength. Baker will recognize students who exemplify the core universal values of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship.

March Character Trait – Caring

Caring people are kind, helpful, generous, considerate, compassionate, and empathetic. They think about how their conduct affects others and care about how others feel.

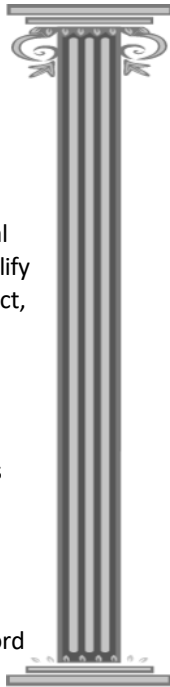
March Students of the Month

Odyssey – Lucy Giove, Alex Knisely

Terrapins – Anabella Rincon, Xavier Mohammed

Champions – Ana Aguirre Segura, Nathaniel Stafford

Explorers – Bruce Lopez, Esther-Joy Lutz



[RespectFest](#), is a festival for middle and high school students, their parents, and youth-serving providers. It will feature online activities and an in-person event from **1–4 p.m. on Sunday, April 7, at the Wheaton Community Recreation Center** located at 11701 Georgia Avenue.

RespectFest celebrates healthy relationships and raises awareness about unhealthy and abusive ones. Enjoy food, a resource fair, performances, prizes, games and activities. Students can earn SSL hours at virtual and in-person events. Virtual events will be held from April 1–14.

RespectFest is an initiative of the Montgomery County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council.

Calling All Students: Enter to Win!

The theme of this year’s **National School Bus Safety Week** [poster contest](#) is **Driving Safely Into the Future**. Posters must be submitted to state directors by **Wednesday, April 17**. The contest is open to students in K–8th grade, special education students in K–12th grades and those who use computer-aided drawing. Details and guidelines are available [here](#).

Sustainability
POSTER CONTEST

All MCPS students and staff are invited to participate in the Division of Sustainability and Compliance's 2024 poster contest.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
APRIL 5, 2024

The focus of this annual contest is to increase awareness and demonstrate your school's commitment to environmental sustainability and sustainable actions related to energy conservation, waste reduction, and responsible recycling.

Scan the QR codes to download the entry form and to get more details about the contest.

ENTRY FORM
bit.ly/46E6CKOB

GUIDELINES
bit.ly/45QvHRu

240-740-7715
sustainability@mcpsmd.org

Division of Sustainability and Compliance
45 West Gude Drive, Suite 4000
Rockville, Maryland 20850

GAME CHANGER
CONFERENCE

2024 Spring Conference For Young Males

Theme: The World is Shifting Forward!
Focus Forward and Compete.

Male students in Grades 4-12 are invited to attend [the 2024 Spring Game Changer Conference for Young Males](#) on **Saturday, April 20, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Universities at Shady Grove** located at 9630 Gudelsky Drive in Rockville. This event is hosted by Unity Christian Fellowship. **Registration closes Tuesday, April 3.** Spaces are limited. [Register.](#)

The goal of the conference is to craft a “Game Changer” experience that reignites and builds the social-emotional wellness, confidence and values of young males. Some of the sessions include life skills stations, panel conversations, STEM exposure and a parent advocacy academy roundtable.

The conference will also host a student essay competition. Participants are encouraged to submit a 300-word essay answering the question: “Being a Competitor is a Game Changer: How will you Compete to Win and Own your Future?” Essay submissions are due by **Wednesday, April 10, at [GC Essay Contest Submission](#)**. Prizes will be awarded to winners in each age division.



Join us for

Baker's Open House Day with Coffee and Conversation!

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

**This event is open to current Baker MS families
and families of rising 6th Graders (current 5th Graders)**

**Open House 8:15-3:00 — Families may visit classrooms,
the cafeteria, and the Media Center**

**Coffee and Conversation 9:45-10:30 — Administrators will
give a presentation about the school**

**Coffee and Conversation will be held in the Media Center
A Spanish translator will be available 8:15-10:45 a.m.**

A virtual option will be available for Coffee and Conversation

Zoom: [https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/93677883016?
pwd=d01Kc201WkVGSmdYYUJ1UVRWUDJJCQT09](https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/93677883016?pwd=d01Kc201WkVGSmdYYUJ1UVRWUDJJCQT09)

ID 936 7788 3016 Code Bulldog Phone 1-301-715-8592



Únase a nosotros para
**Día de puertas abiertas de Baker
con Café y Conversación!**
miércoles, 3 de abril de 2024

**Este evento está abierto a las familias actuales de Baker MS
y a las familias de estudiantes que ingresan a 6.º grado
(estudiantes actuales de 5.º grado)**

**Casa Abierta 8:15-3:00 — Las familias pueden visitar a
las aulas, la cafetería, y el Media Center**

**Café y conversación 9:45-10:30 — Los administradores darán
una presentación sobre la escuela**

Café y Conversación se reunirá en el Media Center

Un traductor español estará disponible de 8:15 a 10:45 a.m.

Habrà disponible una opción virtual para Café y Conversación

Zoom: [https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/93677883016?
pwd=d01Kc201WkVGSmdYYUJ1UVRWUDJCQT09](https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/93677883016?pwd=d01Kc201WkVGSmdYYUJ1UVRWUDJCQT09)

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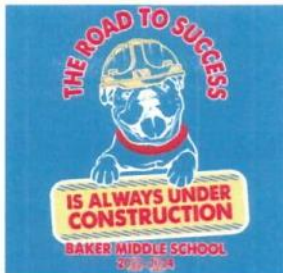
Baker Middle School Parent Coffee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, April 3, 2024 • 9:45 am–10:30 am • Media Center

Virtual Option

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Outcomes

By the end of the meeting, participants will be able to:

- Hear about the refreshed Vision, Mission and Core Values of Baker Middle School
- Understand the School Improvement Plan and focus on Community Outreach and Well-being
- Discussed topics in the community that we can address

AGENDA				ACTION NOTES
TIME	CONTENT	WHO	PROCESS	WHAT
9:45-9:55 10'	Framing the Meeting <input type="checkbox"/> Vision, Mission, and Core Values Click Here	Louise	Share	
9:55 - 10:05 10'	School Improvement Plan <input type="checkbox"/> PTA Meeting and on the Website Link Slides Click Here <input type="checkbox"/> Baker Kindness Day - April 19	David Louise	Inform	
10:05 - 10:15 10'	<input type="checkbox"/> Focus on Community Outreach Last Year's Baker MS International Festival Click Here This Year's International Festival - April 9 from 6 - 8 pm <input type="checkbox"/> Focus on Well-being	David Melanie	Inform	
10:15-10:30 15'	Open Forum <input type="checkbox"/> What is happening in the Community that the school needs to know about?	All	Decide on the Next Steps	
10:30	<i>Wrap Up</i>			

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
BAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024
6:00PM-8:00PM

POR FAVOR ÚNETE A NOSOTRAS
BAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL

NOCHE INTERNACIONAL

MARTES 9 DE ABRIL
6:00PM-8:00PM

COME TRAVEL TO DIFFERENT COUNTRIES

TASTE FOOD

HEAR DIFFERENT LANGUAGES

FASHION SHOW

HAVE FUN

BAKER SCHOOL GYM

VEN A VIAJAR A DIFERENTES PAÍSES.

PROBAR COMIDA

ESCUCHAR DIFERENTES IDIOMAS

DESFILE DE MODA

DIVERTIRSE

BAKER SCHOOL GYM









John T Baker Middle School PTA

8th Grade Promotion and End of Year Activities

Hello 8th grade families. This is your child's last year at Baker Middle School and there will be a lot to celebrate in June of 2024! We are planning now and need your help to make 8th grade events a success for our children.

End of year events and activities include a DHS Class of 2028 t-shirt for each student, the 8th grade celebration/dance, a class gift to the school, and the 8th grade promotion ceremony on the last day of school.

We ask that families contribute \$25 or more for each child. The money will be applied toward the items mentioned above and to make sure that *all students* are included, so if you would like to contribute more than \$25 it will be well utilized. We also ask that families consider signing up to help with various events and activities. We appreciate both your financial contributions and your time and efforts to help create wonderful memories for our children.

Please complete the form and send it in, along with your \$25 contribution, to the main office. Please make checks payable to "Baker PTA," and note in the memo **AND on the envelope: "8th Grade Promotion."** Return to Baker Middle School PTA, 25400 Oak Drive, Damascus, MD 20872.

If you prefer digital payment options, you can pay through PayPal by using [@BakerMSPTA](#) or by scanning the following QR code:



8th grade committee meetings are from 6-7 PM before PTA meetings. Please stay connected so you know what the plan is and to see how you can help. Email questions to the PTA at BakerPTA@yahoo.com. We greatly appreciate your support!

Your 8th grader's full name: _____

Let us know how you can help! Circle one or more.

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|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Dance/Celebration | Promotion ceremony | T-shirt distribution |
| Fundraising | Class gift | Committee Chair |

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Enclose your \$25 check payable to Baker PTA, and mark in the memo "8th Grade Promotion."



PTA de la escuela secundaria John T. Baker

Promoción de 8vo grado y actividades de fin de año

Hola familias de octavo grado. ¡Este es el último año de su hijo/a en Baker Middle School y habrá mucho que celebrar en junio 2024! Estamos planeado ahora y necesitamos su ayuda para que los eventos de octavo grado sean un éxito para nuestros niños.

Los eventos y actividades de fin de año incluyen una camiseta de DHS Clase 2028 para cada estudiante, la celebración/baile del 8.º grado, un obsequio de la clase para la escuela y la ceremonia de promoción de 8.º

Pedimos que las familias contribuyan con \$25 o mas por cada niño. El dinero se aplicará a los artículos mencionados anteriormente y para garantizar que todos los estudiantes están incluidos, por lo que si desea contribuir con más de \$25, será bien utilizado. También pedimos que las familias consideren inscribirse para ayudar con diversos eventos y actividades. Apreciamos tanto sus contribuciones financieras como su tiempo y esfuerzos para ayudar a crear recuerdos maravillosos para nuestros niños.

Complete el formulario y envíelo, junto con su contribución de \$25, a la oficina principal. Por favor haga los cheques a nombre de **“Baker PTA”** y **nota en el memorando Y en el sobre: “Promoción de 8.º grado”**. Volver a **PTA de la escuela secundaria Baker**, 25400 Oak Drive, Damascus, MD 20872.

Si prefiere las opciones de pago digital, puede pagar a través de PayPal usando **@BakerMSPTA** o escaneando el siguiente código QR:



Las reuniones del comité de octavo grado son de 6 a 7 p. m. antes de las reuniones de la PTA. Manténgase conectado para saber cuál es el plan y ver cómo puede ayudar. Envíe sus preguntas por correo electrónico a la PTA a **BakerPTA@yahoo.com**. ¡Estamos muy agradecidos por su apoyo!

El nombre completo de su hijo/a de octavo grado _____

¡Háganos saber cómo puede ayudar! Encierra en un círculo uno o más.

- | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Promoción de baile/celebración | Ceremonia | Distribución de camisetas |
| Recaudación de fondos | Obsequio de clase | Presidente del comité |

Nombre: _____

Correo electrónico: _____ Número de teléfono: _____

Adjunte su cheque de \$25 a nombre de Baker PTA y marque en el memorando **“Promoción de 8º grado”**.



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Tilden Middle School
6300 Tilden Ln, Rockville, MD
20852
April 13, 2024
8:30 AM - 3:35 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT
THE SUMMIT, PLEASE VISIT:



BIT.LY/MCPSYCS

**NO EARTH,
NO LIFE**

- ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION & JUSTICE
- TRANSPORTATION ARE PROVIDED!
- SSL HOUR OPPORTUNITY



At the MCPS Youth Climate Summit, middle and high school students will learn about climate change on a personal level through speakers and workshops that demonstrate actionable ways to engage in the climate movement and ways action is already being done.

The Summit concludes with participants being mentored through the process of writing a Climate Action Plan, a project outline they can implement in their school or community to further progress.

Weis Markets Damascus #129



Fundraiser for St. Jude's
April 13, 2024 Doors open at 5pm
Bingo starts at 7pm

Advance Tickets: \$40 per person

At the door: \$50 per person

\$100 GAMES!

Ticket includes: 6 pack *20 games*
2 piece chicken dinner with sides and drink

OTHER GAMES SOLD SEPERATE:

- Two 50/50's
- Vegas Games
- Jackpot \$300

For Tickets Contact:
Weis Markets Damascus #129
26075 Ridge Rd.
Damascus MD, 20872

Venmo Available for Ticket Purchase
(please put first and last name and phone number
in the "what's this for" section
please send as *GIFT*

Jay Smith

@Jay-Smith-1097



venmo

MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER TO PLAY

We reserve the right to change payouts if less tickets are sold

Location: Damascus VFD Activities Building
10211 Lewis Dr., Damascus MD



COMMUNITY SHRED EVENT

Damascus
weis
Parking Lot
April 20th
10am-2pm

Fun for the whole family, come out, bring your documents to shred and enjoy!

FREE
Onsite
Document
Shredding



**Kids
Activities**

**Touch a
Fire Truck**



Support

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Research Hospital
Finding cures. Saving children.



**All Donations
Made with:**



**Randy Scritchfield
and Associates**

**will be MATCHED
up to \$1,000!**