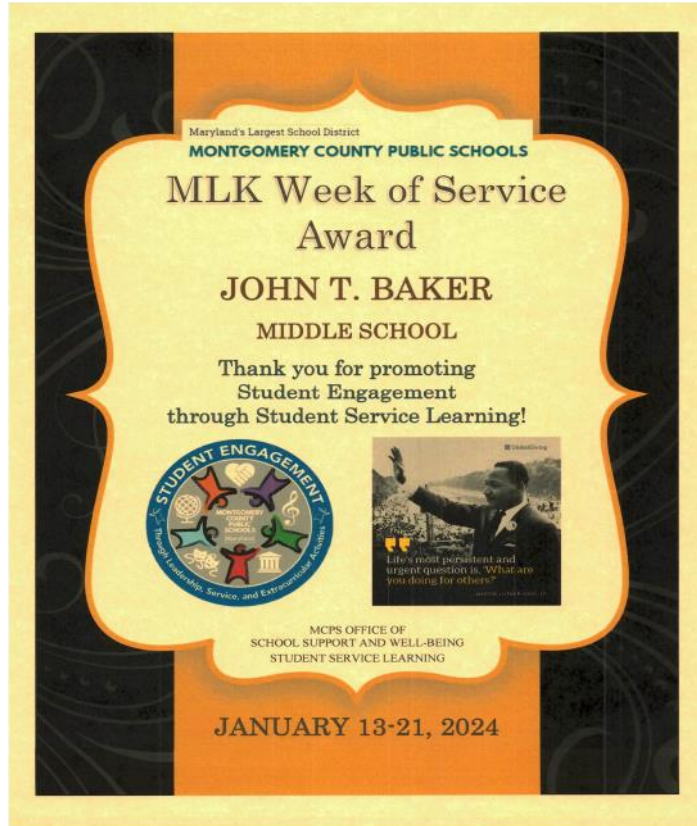


Dr. Worthington's Message

✉ (Twitter): DrLouise Worthington@BAKERprincipal



Looking Ahead

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

April 8–12 — Autism Awareness & Spirit Week

Monday, April 8
Solar Eclipse (see page 2)

Tuesday, April 9 — Activity Buses
End of Marking Period 3
Art Club, Room 210, Ms. Alvarado
Chess Club, Room 115, Mr. Ciccarello
eSports Club, Room 134, Mr. Conner and Mr. Maddox
Homework Club, Room 227, Ms. Laraia
Street Hockey, Mr. Sprankle
PTA J&P Pizza Fundraiser (see page 3)
Baker International Festival (see page 4)

Wed, April 10 — No school for students

Thursday, April 11 — Activity Buses
Marking Period 4 begins
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 12
Madhouse! Spring Drama Production
7:00 p.m., Baker MS auditorium

Saturday, April 13
Madhouse! Spring Drama Production
1:00 p.m., Baker MS gym
Youth Climate Summit (see page 8)
Weis Markets Bingo Fundraiser for St. Jude's (see page 10)

Tuesday, April 16 — Activity Buses
Music Department Chipotle Fundraiser (see page 3)

Wednesday, April 17 — Activity Buses
Report cards available in StudentVUE and ParentVUE
SMOB Election
Soccer vs. Neelsville, Boys Home/Girls Away

Thursday, April 18 — Activity Buses
Report cards distributed

Friday, April 19
Baker Kindness Day through World Studies

Saturday, April 20
Weis Markets Community Shred Event (see page 10)
Game Changer Conference (see page 9)



Autism Awareness & Spirit Week

Students and Staff: Please show your support and spirit for Autism Awareness Month this week!

- Monday, April 8: Celebrate how our minds work – wear a hat!
- Tuesday, April 9: Celebrate the beauty of diverse ways of thinking – wear anything rainbow or tie-dye!
- Wednesday, April 10: We do not have school, but show your spirit at home. Celebrate focused passion of interest – wear your favorite outfit!
- Thursday, April 11: Show acceptance of individuals with autism – wearing red, blue, and/or yellow!
- Friday, April 12: Acknowledge sensory sensitivities, such as touch, sound, and hearing – wearing pajamas!

2024-2025 Baker Middle School Motto

The last day for submissions for Baker's FY25 school motto via the portal on Baker's website is **Wednesday, April 10, 2024.**

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/bakerms/>

We look forward to reading your suggestions!

StudentVUE Update Glitch Solution

With the new StudentVUE update, students may need to clear their browser data to remove previously cached versions of the site. They can clear browser data following these steps:

[https://support.google.com/accounts/answer/32050?](https://support.google.com/accounts/answer/32050?hl=en&co=GENIE.Platform%3DDesktop)

[hl=en&co=GENIE.Platform%3DDesktop](https://support.google.com/accounts/answer/32050?hl=en&co=GENIE.Platform%3DDesktop)

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

Solar Eclipse 2024!

On Monday, April 8, 2024, Montgomery County, MD will experience a partial solar eclipse beginning approximately 2:04 p.m. with maximum solar coverage at approximately 3:20 p.m. Since the eclipse will occur around school dismissal times, staff, students and families should practice eclipse safety when outdoors.

SAFETY FIRST! *Do NOT look directly at the sun!*

GLOBAL EVENT: Total Solar Eclipse

LOCAL TYPE: Partial Solar Eclipse in Montgomery County, MD

BEGINS: Mon. April 8, 2024 at 2:04 p.m.

MAXIMUM: Mon. April 8, 2024 at 3:20 p.m. 0.899 Magnitude

ENDS: Mon. April 8, 2024 at 4:32 p.m.

DURATION: 2 hours, 29 minutes



Ways to Experience the Eclipse

It is safe to be outside during an eclipse, as long as you do not look directly at the sun without proper eye protection (using a specialized solar filter). Viewing the eclipse through an unfiltered optic lens (like a camera, binoculars, or a telescope) can cause even greater damage to the eye. See the activities below for ways to experience the eclipse safely and see [NASA's website for information on eclipse safety](#) for more information on how to safely view a solar eclipse.

INFORMATION:

- » [2024 Total Solar Eclipse \(NASA\)](#)
- » [Eclipse America 2024 \(AAS\)](#)

ACTIVITIES:

- » [Eclipse activities—NASA SCoPE \(ASU\)](#)
- » [7 Activities to Get Kids Excited for the Solar Eclipse \(Scholastic\)](#)
- » [Pinwheel Template from Warby Parker](#)
- » [Solar Eclipse Art Activity National Air and Space Museum](#)

SSL News

The hard deadline to turn in any SSL hours done in the 2023/2024 school year is **May 31, 2024**. If you have done any SSL hours this school year, please make sure to get those forms turned in to Mrs. Paredes as soon as possible. **If you do not turn in forms by May 31, the SSL hours will not count towards your record.** Any SSL hours completed between June and August should be turned in at the beginning of next school year. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Paredes at [Patricia T Paredes@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Patricia.T.Paredes@mcpsmd.org).

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.

MCCPTA Cluster Coordinators for Damascus

We are in desperate need for 1-2 MCCPTA Cluster Coordinators to represent the Damascus community schools. This is a position that ensures that the Damascus perspective is taken into account when Montgomery County decisions are being made. You would participate in cluster and other Montgomery County level meetings (most are now virtual), representing the Damascus Cluster of schools and bringing back to our cluster information provided and decisions made. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Leander at lawdog9428@verizon.net or Aimee at aimee1000@yahoo.com. Leander cannot continue next year as her student is graduating, so please consider joining Aimee in this very important position! Average time per month: 3 hours



Support the Baker Middle School PTA

When: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 3:00-9:00 PM

Where: New York J&P Pizza
26067 Ridge Road, Damascus, MD
301-253-1600

Please mention the Baker Middle School PTA Fundraiser when ordering or checking out at the register! **Carry out or dine in only please.** Thank you for your support!

DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE

CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR
**JOHN T. BAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL
MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

TUESDAY, APRIL 16TH | 4-8PM
9815 MAIN ST STE 104, DAMASCUS, MD, 20872

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **7Q4NQLP**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT

CHIPOTLE

For online orders to count toward the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

HAZ EL BIEN CON CHIPOTLE

RECAUDACIÓN DE FONDOS PARA
**JOHN T. BAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL
MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

25% DE LAS VENTAS DEL EVENTO SERÁN DONADAS A LA CAUSA

MARTES, ABRIL 16º | 4-8PM
9815 MAIN ST STE 104, DAMASCUS, MD, 20872

ORDENA EN LÍNEA PARA RECOGER USANDO EL CÓDIGO **7Q4NQLP**
O MUESTRA ESTE VOLANTE EN EL RESTAURANTE

CHIPOTLE

Para que las órdenes en línea se tengan en cuenta para el evento de recaudación de fondos, deberán ser del mismo lugar del evento y realizarse durante las horas del mismo. Las órdenes con servicio de entrega y las realizadas con una tarjeta de regalo no cuentan para el evento. Se requiere un mínimo de \$150 dólares de ventas para recibir cualquier donación.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
BAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL
INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

POR FAVOR ÚNETE A NOSOTRAS
BAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL
NOCHE INTERNACIONAL

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

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

COME TRAVEL TO DIFFERENT COUNTRIES

VEN A VIAJAR A DIFERENTES PAÍSES.



TASTE FOOD

PROBAR COMIDA

HEAR DIFFERENT LANGUAGES



ESCUCHAR DIFERENTES IDIOMAS



FASHION SHOW

DESFILE DE MODA



HAVE FUN



DIVERTIRSE

BAKER SCHOOL GYM

BAKER SCHOOL GYM

Students will be photographed only if they have pre-ordered or have order forms with payments in hand.

Order forms will be distributed to students on Thursday, April 18.

Lifetouch.

SPRING PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

¡YA LLEGA EL DÍA DE LA FOTO DE PRIMAVERA!

Thursday, April 25, 2024
\ jueves, 25 de abril, 2024
John T. Baker Middle School



Scan to order!
¡Echa un vistazo para encargar!

How it Works:



Pre-order on
mylifetouch.com using
your Student ID or
Picture Day ID:
EVT7KBHFF



Students are
photographed on
Picture Day



Orders will be sent
home with your student
after Picture Day

Cómo funciona: Encarga de manera anticipada en mylifetouch.com usando tu ID de estudiante o la ID del Día de la Foto. Los estudiantes son fotografiados el Día de la Foto. Los pedidos serán enviados a tu casa con tu estudiante después del Día de la Foto.

Questions? Contact our Help Center at lifetouch.com/support-us. Select K-12 School Photography for assistance.
¿Preguntas? Comunícate con nuestro Centro de Ayuda en lifetouch.com/support-us. Selecciona Fotografía Escolar K-12 para recibir asistencia.



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:



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**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.

GAME CHANGER CONFERENCE

2024 Spring Conference For Young Males

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

ATTENTION PARENTS OF YOUNG MALES (Grades 4th - 12th)

🌟 Empower Your Son's Tomorrow, Today! 🌟

Join us at the Game Changer Conference 2024 and
ignite his path to unparalleled success!

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS:

For Students

- Life Skills Stations & Enrichment Forums
- Panel Conversations with Inspiring Leaders
- "What if I don't want to go to college" workshop
- STEM Exposure Experience
- Essay Writing Competition:
"Being a Competitor is a Game Changer: How will you Compete to win and own your future?"

For Parents:

- Parent Advocacy Workshop: New School Parenting for Old School Issues
- Equipping parents with strategies and insights to advocate effectively for their children and navigate the complexities of modern parenting.
- Super Powers Education for Parents - We Care! (Drug Awareness Trailer). Community Opioid Prevention Education (COPE) Trailer.

**SATURDAY
APRIL 20, 2024**

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
(CHECK-IN STARTS AT 7:30PM)

The Universities at Shady Grove

9630 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville, MD 20850

REGISTER TODAY!



www.thegameconference.org

Thanks to our Sponsors!



Weis Markets Damascus #129

BINGO

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 SEPARATE: For Tickets Contact: **Weis Markets Damascus #129**
-Two 50/50's **26075 Ridge Rd.**
-Vegas Games **Damascus MD, 20872**
-Jackpot \$300

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

FREE
Onsite
Document
Shredding



**Kids
Activities**

**Touch a
Fire Truck**

Damascus
weis
Parking Lot

April 20th
10am-2pm

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



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up to \$1,000!**