

## Dr. Worthington's Message

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### Last Chance to Order a Yearbook

Yearbooks are being printed right now, and there are fewer than 50 copies left! If you want to make sure that you get a copy, you need to order as soon as possible. You must order online as we do not order extra yearbooks and we do not sell them at the school when they come in. Go to [lostens.com](http://lostens.com) to order yours today before they are all gone.



### Baker Bands

Mrs. Valerie Fell, Director  
Tuesday, May 7, 6:30 p.m.

### Baker Chorus and Orchestra

Mrs. Kari Liuzzi, Chorus Director  
Mrs. Valerie Fell, Orchestra Director  
Thursday, May 8, 6:30 p.m.

Both concerts will be held in the Matthew Kuhn Auditorium at Damascus High School

Join us for an evening of wonderful music!

### Special Education Parent Involvement Survey

#### Make your voice heard! Your Opinion Matters!

Parents or guardians of children receiving special education and related services were mailed the *Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey* from the Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services during the week of February 12, 2024. Parents are asked to complete the survey and return it in the postage paid envelope by May 24, 2024. **The survey may also be completed online.** Please look for details in your survey packet. Your feedback will help guide efforts to improve special education and related services in your local school system. Your voice can make a real difference for your child and many other children across the state of Maryland. To learn more, please visit <https://www.mdparentsurvey.com>

### 7th Grade Field Trip

The 7th grade Terrapins Team will attend **Medieval Times** on **Friday, June 7, 2024**. Each student received a permission slip in World Studies classes. Here is a [link](#) (also on our Baker website) for anyone who lost theirs. **All permission slips must be turned to their Science teacher NO LATER THAN May 3, 2024.** This is a firm date, since all tickets must be pre-ordered.



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



**Parents/Guardians:  
please restock your child's  
supplies — especially pencils.**



### Looking Ahead

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

**Tuesday, April 30 — NO ACTIVITY BUSES**  
Motto Voting Day 1

**May — Mental Health Awareness Month**

**Wednesday, May 1 — Activity Buses**

Emancipation Day in Maryland

Motto Voting Day 2

MCAP ELA Testing (*see page 2*)

Flag Football, Field, Mr. Cummings

Jazz Band, Room 107, Mrs. Fell

Kickball Club, Blacktop, Mr. Ruocco

Rubik's Cube Club, Room 225, Mr. Fisher

Soccer vs. Rocky Hill, Boys Home/

Girls Away

Street Hockey, Mr. Sprankle

**Thursday, May 2 — NO ACTIVITY BUSES**

MCAP ELA Testing (*see page 2*)

**May 6–10**

**Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week**

**PTA Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week**

**Monday, May 6**

MCAP Math Testing (*see page 2*)

**Tuesday, May 7 — Activity Buses**

MCAP Math Testing (*see page 2*)

Art Club, Room 210, Ms. Alvarado

eSports Club, Room 134, Mr. Conner and

Mr. Maddox

Homework Club, Room 227, Ms. Laraia

SGA, Room 233, Ms. Blankenship

Soccer vs. MLK, Boys Away/Girls Home

Baker Bands Spring Concert, 6:30 p.m.,

Damascus HS Kuhn Auditorium

**Wed., May 8 — NO ACTIVITY BUSES**

Baker Chorus and Orchestra Concert,

6:30 p.m., Damascus HS Kuhn Auditorium

**Thursday, May 9 — NO ACTIVITY BUSES**

Mile Challenge

## PTA Celebrates Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6-10, 2024! Let's show our teachers how much we appreciate all they do for our students. The Baker PTA is planning many fun surprises for our teachers all week. On Wednesday, May 8, we will be having lunch for all teachers and staff and need help to make it a success. Sandwiches will be provided by Weis Damascus, but we are in need of chips, dessert, and drinks. We are also in need of gift card donations that we'd like to raffle off to teachers and staff. Please review the available items on our SignUp Genius and sign up to donate an item. Drop off your donations at the front office with a label for PTA by the morning of Wednesday, May 8. Please reach out to [racheldreager@hotmail.com](mailto:racheldreager@hotmail.com) with any questions. Thank you! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4DACA62CAAF58-49177223-baker>

## 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?hl=en&co=GENIE.Platform%3DDesktop>

## A Message from Mr. Moyler Regarding Testing

On April 5, 2024, MSDE notified our Office of Shared Accountability (OSA) that headphones may be needed for the MCAP ELA test in grades 5, 7, and 8. OSA encourages school staff to allow the students to use their own hard-wired earbuds/headphones for testing. **Parents are being asked to support students by providing them with hard-wired earbuds/headphones for testing.** Baker Students in 6th Grade, 7th Grade, and 8th Grade will participate in the **MCAP ELA/MATH** Testing.

Your child needs to be present for all scheduled testing. Please avoid making appointments on these days and help us prevent unnecessary absences. You can also do some things to help your child do better on tests. Before a test, a student needs a full night's sleep, a good breakfast, comfortable school clothing, a little understanding if they're anxious or upset, and a reminder to charge their Chromebooks.

## SY2024 Spring MCAP Testing Bell Schedule

**ELA: Wednesday, May 1 - Thursday, May 2**

**Math: Monday, May 6 - Tuesday, May 7**

Bells	GRADE 6	GRADE 7	GRADE 8
8:15 - 11:15	MCAP Test Block		
11:19 - 11:49 30 Mins	Period 4	Period 4	Lunch 8
11:53 - 12:23 30 Mins	Period 5	Lunch 7	Period 5
12:27 - 12:57 30 Mins	Lunch 6	Period 6	Period 6
1:01 - 1:31 30 Mins	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3
1:35 - 1:52 17 Mins	Period 7	Period 7	Period 7
1:56 - 2:13 17 Mins	Period 8	Period 8	Period 8
2:17 - 2:34 17 Mins	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1
2:38 - 3:00 22 Mins	Period 2 Announcements	Period 2 Announcements	Period 2 Announcements

**\*\*Students will report directly to their Testing Location.**

## 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).

## MCCPTA Cluster Coordinators for Damascus

We are in need of 1-2 MCCPTA Cluster Coordinators to represent Damascus community schools. This position ensures that the Damascus perspective is taken into account when Montgomery County decisions are being made. You would participate in cluster and Montgomery County level meetings (most are virtual), representing the Damascus Cluster of schools and bringing back information provided and decisions made. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Leander at [lawdog9428@verizon.net](mailto:lawdog9428@verizon.net) or Aimee at [aimee1000@yahoo.com](mailto:aimee1000@yahoo.com). Average time per month: 3 hours



# 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”**.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

# SAFETY DAY

**SATURDAY  
MAY 11**

**11am- 3pm  
850 Hungerford Drive  
Rockville, MD**

**FREE**

Fun, games, safety,  
education, and  
raffles!

*Buckle up for fun,  
keep safety number one!*

Learn about traffic safety in a fun,  
festival environment.



The Montgomery Department of Transportation invites all MCPS families to Safety Day on **Saturday, May 11** in the Carver Educational Services Center (CESC) parking lot in Rockville. Safety is a one-day event that brings the community together to learn more about traffic safety in a fun and festive environment. The event is appropriate for all ages and perfect for families to enjoy. There will be dozens of activities and community partners to visit with FREE giveaway and prizes.

**When:** May 11, 2024 11a.m. – 3p.m. (Rain date: May 18, 2024)

**Where:** [Carver Educational Services Center \(CESC\)](#) parking lot 850 Hungerford Dr. in Rockville, MD

There will be free shuttle buses (school buses) picking up attendees from the following high schools:

- John F. Kennedy High School
- Seneca Valley High School
- Walter Johnson High School

Pick-ups will run 10:30 a.m - 3:30 pm. The last drop off is 1:30 pm. These buses will run approximately every 30 minutes during the event. [Find more information here.](#)

Visit the event [website here](#) for more information on how to get there and parking.

**Volunteer to be a part of Safety Day – EARN SSL HOURS!**

[COMPLETE THE VOLUNTEER FORM](#)

# FREE SUMMER CODING CAMP FOR RISING 6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH GRADE STUDENTS

Campers in the program will learn to code with Swift, Apple's easy-to-understand programming language used by professional developers to create world class apps. Students will complete creative projects with an established curriculum to learn Swift from coding experts.

Montgomery Can Code is an annual free and fun summer camp held in July and August for any MCPS rising 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students.

Learn More <https://www.montgomerycancode.com/>

## REGISTER NOW

Sign up [here](https://forms.gle/bn7SKCwprTmXAErH6) or contact your school counselor.  
<https://forms.gle/bn7SKCwprTmXAErH6>

## SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

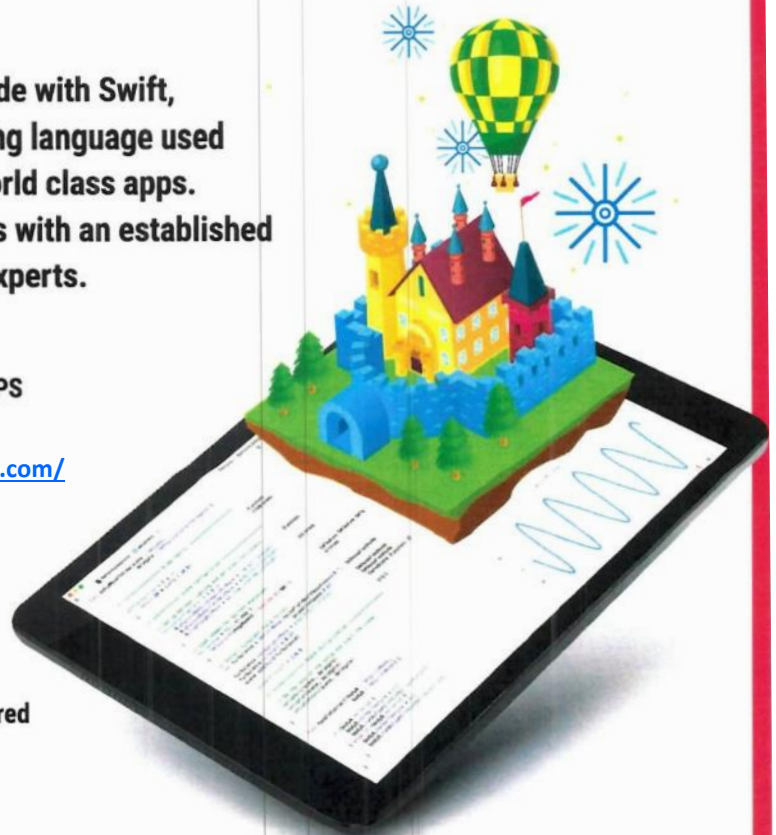
**In-Person from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm (full day) offered at all three (3) Montgomery College campuses (Germantown, Rockville, and Takoma Park)**

Boot Camp 1 – Monday – Friday, July 15 – 19

Boot Camp 2 – Monday – Friday, July 22 – 26

**Virtually on Zoom from 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm (half day)**

Boot Camp 3 – Monday – Friday, July 29 – August 2



**For more information, learn more at [montgomerycancode.com](https://www.montgomerycancode.com)  
or email [montgomerycancode@mcpsmd.org](mailto:montgomerycancode@mcpsmd.org)**

# CAMPAMENTO DE CODIFICACIÓN DE COMPUTADORES DE VERANO GRATUITO PARA LOS ESTUDIANTES DE 6, 7 Y 8 GRADO

Los estudiantes aprenderán a codificar con Swift, el lenguaje de programación fácil de aprender de Apple. Durante el programa, los estudiantes completarán proyectos creativos con un plan de estudios establecido para aprender Swift.

Montgomery Can Code es un campamento de verano anual gratuito y divertido programado en Julio y Agosto para cualquier estudiante de MCPS que ingrese a los grados 6, 7 y 8.

Aprende Más <https://www.montgomerycancode.com/>

## REGÍSTRATE AHORA

Regístrate [aquí](https://forms.gle/bn7SKCwprTmXAErH6) o contacta a tu consejero escolar. <https://forms.gle/bn7SKCwprTmXAErH6>

## HORARIO DEL CAMPAMENTO DE VERANO

En persona de 9:00 a.m. a 3:30 p.m. (día completo)

Campamento 1 – Lunes – Viernes, 15 – 19 de Julio

Campamento 2 – Lunes – Viernes, 22 – 26 de Julio

Ofrecido en las tres (3) localizaciones de Montgomery College (Germantown, Rockville y Takoma Park)

Virtualmente en Zoom de 1:00 p.m. a 3:30 p.m. (medio día)

Campamento 3 – Lunes – Viernes, 29 de Julio – 2 de Agosto



Para obtener más información, entre a: [montgomerycancode.com](https://www.montgomerycancode.com) o en español por correo electrónico a [montgomerycancode@mcpsmd.org](mailto:montgomerycancode@mcpsmd.org).