

Dr. Worthington's Message

Twitter: DrLouise Worthington@BAKERprincipal

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

Your opinion matters. We are conducting a parent engagement survey. Please share your thoughts about our school by taking the survey. There are eleven questions and should take about five minutes of your time.

Parent Engagement Survey: <https://forms.gle/cQwGxqCA61kSvykMA>

MCPS is rolling out Remind, a new communication tool for schoolwide messages. In order to ensure that you are receiving messages, **please update your communication info — email, phone numbers, etc.**

Tuesday, October 31, is Costume Day at Baker. Wearing of costumes is completely optional and at the discretion of parents. Each parent who is allowing their child(ren) to wear a costume is asked to work with their child(ren) on costume selection. **In honor of Red Ribbon Week, students are encouraged to wear costumes which show that our focus is to be drug free.** All costumes must be middle school appropriate.

The following will not be allowed:

- Weapons (real or toy)
- Costume masks
- Gory or bloody costumes or accessories

Please note that all school rules regarding appropriate attire remain in effect on Costume Day. Parents will be called to bring a change of clothes for students not adhering to our dress code. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in making this a successful event.

Everything Baker Middle School

THANK YOU to all the support and participation from our Baker, Damascus, and Montgomery County Community. The EVERYTHING BAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL for our Hispanic community on October 4, was a wonderful success for everyone involved. Parents were excited about all the resources and information that was available for their usage. We want to thank IDENTITY, CASA OF MARYLAND, MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, GILCHRIST IMMIGRATION RESOURCE CENTER, MCPS FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICE, MCPS HEALTH DEPARTMENT, MCPS TRANSLATORS, WEIS MARKET, PAPA JOHN'S, and the BAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL STAFF for sharing their wealth of resources with the community. Thank you again for your support!!!!

Mr. David Moyler, Assistant Principal



Looking Ahead

October — Nationals Principals' Month

October 25–31 — Red Ribbon Week

October 30—November 3

Mental Health Awareness Week

Parent Survey Week

Monday, October 30

Wear college or career attire to celebrate your future

Tuesday, October 31 — Activity Buses

End of Marking Period 1

Costume Day

Hocus Pocus – wear costumes (no masks, weapons, or inappropriate outfits), to show that being drug free is our focus

Art Club, Room 210, Ms. Alvarado

Chess Club, Room 115, Mr. Ciccarello

November — National Native American

Heritage Month

Wednesday, November 1

No school for students

Thursday, November 2 — Activity Buses

Marking Period 2 begins

Intramural Girls Basketball, Gym, Mr. Smith

Jazz Band, Room 107, Mrs. Fell

K Club, Room 210, Ms. Alvarado

Talent Show Rehearsal, Rm 225, Mr. Fisher

Sunday, November 5

Daylight Saving Time Ends at 2:00 a.m.

November 6-10 — Student Focus Groups

Tuesday, November 7 — Activity Buses

Lifetouch Make-Ups and Retakes in the morning (see page 2)

Art Club, Room 210, Ms. Alvarado

Chess Club, Room 115, Mr. Ciccarello

eSports Club, Room 134, Mr. Conner and Mr. Maddox

Intramural Girls Basketball, Gym, Mr. Smith

Wednesday, November 8 — Activity Buses

NJHS, Room 209, Mr. Conner

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

PTA Ledo Pizza Spirit Night Fundraiser (p 3)

Thursday, November 9 — Activity Buses

Jazz Band, Room 107, Mrs. Fell

K Club, Room 210, Ms. Alvarado

Talent Show Rehearsal, Rm 225, Mr. Fisher

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

Attention Parents of 6th Grade Students — Important Outdoor Ed Information

Outdoor Ed permission slips and medical authorizations are **due by November 1, 2023**. Payments of **\$97.00** need to be submitted through School Cash Online (link is located on the Baker Middle School website) and **are also due by November 1, 2023**. No students will be turned away due to financial reasons. If you have questions related to the Outdoor Ed experience or concerns about the financial obligation, please contact

Mr. Haren, Grade 6 Team Leader

Joseph_A_Haren1@mcpsmd.org, or

Mr. Ajamian, Grade 6 Team Leader

Paul_T_Ajamian@mcpsmd.org, or

Mrs. Buffum, Grade 6 Counselor

Lindsey_C_Buffum@mcpsmd.org.

We still need parent volunteers to chaperone. If you are interested in being chaperone, please email Mr. Ajamian for chaperone requirements.

Lifetouch

Picture Make-Up and Retake Day
Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Pre-order today on mylifetouch.com
using your student ID or Picture Day ID:

EVTMJHMQS

Don't Forget to Order
This Year's School Pictures

ENJOY 10% OFF your order!

CODE: F202310OFF

EXPIRES: May 1, 2024

[Redeem Now](#)

Terms & Conditions : Offer is only available on portraits ordered online through May 1, 2024 11:59pm CST. Use coupon code F202310OFF to receive 10% off your order. Enter the coupon code at checkout to redeem the offer. Not valid for adjustments on prior purchases or after the promotional period, or with any other offer. Products, prices, availability, and offers are subject to change without notice. Lifetouch National School Studios has the right to cancel an order due to altered, unauthorized, or ineligible use of discount.

SGA Canned Food Drive

The Baker SGA is challenging all advisory classes to donate towards the food drive from **September 25 to November 27** to help our fellow Damascus community members during the holiday season. The advisory class with the most donations will receive an SGA sponsored pizza party!

- Drop off food at room 233
- Canned food only — NO perishables
- Donations should not expire for one year or more

Holiday Giving Project

The Holiday Giving Project provides **Thanksgiving and December Holiday assistance to low-income households**. A network of social workers, school counselors, and human service professionals refer families in need of assistance. Local non-profits, faith-based organizations, and public agencies service recipients as donations are available.

If your family would like to be referred for possible assistance for the Thanksgiving and/or December holiday season, please complete the referral form by clicking [here](#).

December Holiday Referral Deadline – November 20

While a referral is not a guarantee of assistance, the Project will help as many families in need as donations will allow.

If you have any questions, please contact **Mrs. Jones, School Counselor**, at Shannon_Jones@mcpsmd.org or 240-207-2410.

MCCPTA Cluster Coordinator(s) for Damascus:

We have two current Cluster Coordinators and are looking for one more Cluster Coordinator in Damascus this school year. 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 (many 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.

GAMES & CRAFTS @ Damascus Library Grades 6-12



Wednesdays 3:30-5:30
9701 Main Street Damascus, MD
240-773-9444

Ledo
Pizza.

Wednesday November 8th

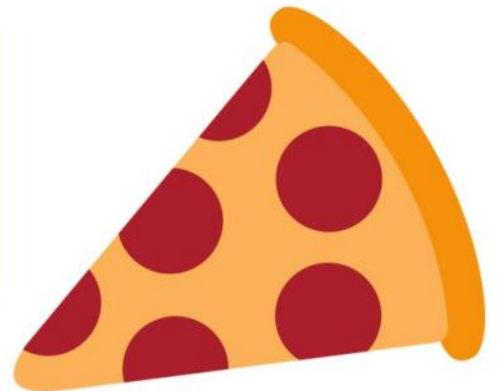
Baker Spirit Event
All Day 11AM-9PM

Applies to Dine in or
Carry out.

***Must mention "Baker
Fundraiser" when ordering.***

Ledo in Damascus

9805 Main Street, Damascus
(301) 482-0700



Outreach and Admission Process Information Overview for Regional/Countywide High School Application Programs

Summary

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) offers a wide range of high school application programs for students entering Grades 9–12. These programs have a centralized admissions process, which begins with a common online application. The admission process opens in early October of 2023.

Background

- For students entering Grades 9–12 in 2024–2025, the regional/countywide high school application programs admission, and timelines are available at: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/high/.
- **NEW** this year, students may apply to the MCPS Virtual Academy (MVA) during the same period.
- MCPS has streamlined the Grade 8 high school application process by providing one common online application for all programs via Synergy. Grades 9–11 will apply electronically through a link provided on the website above.
- Program eligibility for current Grade 8 students is based on the student’s address and middle school. [List of Programs by Home/Base High School for Grade 8 Students](#).
- For current Grade 9–11 students, it is based on the home address only. [List of Programs for Grade 9–11 Students](#).
- All MCPS parents/guardians of students in Grades 8, 9, and 11 received communication regarding the high school programs during the weeks of September 10 and 17, 2023, respectively. The [parent/guardian/student flyer](#) communication is located on the website.
- The criteria-based application programs will continue with multiple academic measures and a committee review. The admission process will continue with student criteria such as the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP), report card grades, and student application.
- The online application for the MVA will continue to be in ParentVUE. It is a separate application from the High School Common Application.
- Students in private schools must have an MCPS ID to access both the high school common application and the MVA application on ParentVUE.

Important Dates

- **October 6, 2023**–Application for Regional/Countywide High School Application Programs (ParentVUE and Google) and MVA opens.
- **November 3, 2023**–Application Deadline for all programs including the MVA.

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OTHER HELPFUL INFO:

This year, we are providing a limited number of promo codes for a discount online. Visit the website to view the active promo code. Don't delay these codes are first-come, first-serve.

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DEADLINE: 10/31/2023

John T Baker Middle School

Dear Parent or Student,
Yearbook Recognition Ads are the perfect way to commemorate achievements and celebrate milestones. To purchase your ad online, follow the instructions listed below. Jostens is responsible for our school's yearbook ad sales. Please do not contact or send materials to the school. Please also consider our school's ad content guidelines below during the creation of your ad online. All orders must be placed by 10/31/2023 to take advantage of early bird pricing! The final deadline to purchase an 8th grade congratulatory ad is 1/26/2024.

ORDER BY 10/31/2023

COLOR AD

1/4 Page	\$95.00
1/8 Page	\$55.00

*Tax, service and delivery fee(s) will be added if applicable.

PAYMENT PLAN AVAILABLE ON ORDERS OF \$30 OR MORE.

3 EASY STEPS TO CREATE A YEARBOOK RECOGNITION AD!



Step 1

Choose your ad size and layout



Step 2

Add your photos



Step 3

Enter your text

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the guidelines for ad content?

Our school reserves the right to edit ads per our guidelines. Ensure all submitted materials are appropriate for school publication. Jostens retains the right to remove any explicit text, graphic photos or copyright-protected imagery or photos.

Can I create my student's ad on my mobile device?

Yes, yearbook ads can be created online from both desktop and mobile devices.

How are the ad prices determined and what is the money used for?

Recognition ad prices are determined by our school. Revenue from recognition ads helps the school create a better, more affordable yearbook.

How is the ad deadline determined?

The ad deadline is set by our school based on the production schedule for the yearbook.



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Dear Parents,

Educational technology and funding changes daily. To keep up with these changes and expenses, our school is partnering with Weis Markets in their annual Weis 4 School program. Register your Weis Rewards card online at weis4school.com. By participating in this program, we can earn money for our school by simply shopping. Once you register, you're in the program and you do not need to register again this school year. Please share this information with your friends and family. The more interest and enthusiasm we generate, the greater the benefits to our school.

Thank you for your support.

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Expanding Opportunity and Unleashing Potential

OFFICE OF DISTRICT OPERATIONS

November 3, 2023

Dear Staff, Parents, and Guardians:

We are pleased to inform you of an opportunity to purchase a piano for your family. Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) has an agreement with Schaeffer's Piano Company, Inc., to provide MCPS with new grand, upright, and digital pianos to be used in schools. Schaeffer's Piano Co. Inc., located in Rockville, Maryland, is the area's oldest piano store. This agreement also provides MCPS families and staff an opportunity to purchase these and other pianos for considerably reduced prices at an annual piano sales event.

This year's liquidation sales event will take place November 11–19, 2023, at 105 North Stonestreet Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Sales will be by appointment only to provide an opportunity for you to purchase these pianos before they are offered for sale to the public. All pianos will carry a 15-year transferable warranty. Each piano will come with a bench and one free in-house tuning.

For additional information, you may visit the Schaeffer's Piano Company, Inc., website at www.schaefferspiano.com. To make an appointment for the sale, between November 11–19, 2023, please call the Schaeffer's Piano Company appointment desk at 301-424-1147.

We are grateful to be working with Schaeffer's Piano Company, Inc., to support our school music programs and help MCPS keep new and well-maintained instruments in our schools each year. If you have any questions, please contact Schaeffer's Piano Company, Inc., at 301-424-1144.

Sincerely,



Dana E. Edwards
Chief of District Operations