

Dr. Worthington's Message

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

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.**

Lifetouch

Picture Make-Up and Retake Day
Tuesday, November 7, 2023
8:15–11:00 a.m. only

Pre-order today on mylifetouch.com
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Time to Bundle Up

With the freezing temperatures in the morning we want to remind you that our doors open for students at 7:50 a.m. on regular school days and 9:50 a.m. on days when there is a two-hour delay. Staff are not on duty until those times and, thus, there is no one to supervise your child or let them in to the building. Please make sure students come bundled warmly in preparation for the cold temperatures outside. Thank you!

Baker Bulldog Basketball Team

Attention parents of 7th and 8th grade students — if your child is interested in trying out for the Baker Bulldog Basketball Team, please go to the Baker website and click on Athletics. Then click on the Basketball tab and follow the directions.

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



Looking Ahead

November — National Native American Heritage Month

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 (8:15–11:00 a.m. only)
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
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
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

November 13–17 — American Education Week

Monday, November 13
PTA 8th Grade Committee Mtg, 6:00 p.m.
PTA General Membership Mtg, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 14
Art Club, Room 210, Ms. Alvarado
Chess Club, Room 115, Mr. Ciccarello
Homework Club, Room 227, Ms. Laraia
Intramural Girls Basketball, Gym, Mr. Smith
SGA Meeting, Room 233, Ms. Blankenship
Damascus Cluster MS/HS Choral Concert

Wednesday, November 15
Math Club, Room 231, Mr. McKay
Rubik's Cube Club, Room 225, Mr. Fisher
Damascus Cluster Bands Concert – Gr. 5-12

Thursday, November 16
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
Damascus Cluster Strings Concert

Friday, November 17
Talent Show, 6:30 p.m., Baker Gym

Saturday, November 18
Talent Show, 2:00 p.m., Baker Gym

Leech Woods Event and Baker Costume Day



Dr. Worthington greets Baker families at Leech Woods



COSTUME DAY



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.



Wednesday November 8th

Baker Spirit Event

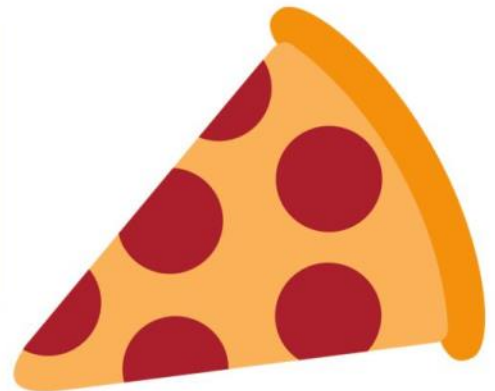
All Day 11AM-9PM

Applies to Dine in or
Carry out.

***Must mention "Baker
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Ledo in Damascus

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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.

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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