

Dr. Worthington's Message

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Congratulations to the students who earned a place on the Honor Rolls for Marking Period 1! See pages 3-4 for their names.

MP1	6th	7th	8th	School
Students	262	287	290	839
All A	44	81	78	203
All A %	17%	28%	27%	24%
Honor Roll	176	201	212	589
HR %	67%	70%	73%	70%

On Monday, November 20, What is Anti-Semitism? will be presented to all students. Click here to preview the presentation.

Parent Conferences will be held Monday, November 20, 2023. These conferences are by invitation, only. If it was deemed that a conference at this time would be beneficial to your child's progress, your child's Team Leader or Counselor will have contacted you to schedule a conference time.

Monday, November 20, and Tuesday, November 21, are early release days for students. We will dismiss students at 12:30 p.m. on both days. Schools and office will be closed Wednesday through Friday, November 22–24 for Thanksgiving Break.



On behalf of the staff here at Baker Middle School, we wish all our families a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. We are all so thankful to Happy Thanksgiving be a part of your family!

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." ~ John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Thanksgiving Day Proclamation 3560

Dear School Community,

Many of our families will spend time over the upcoming break traveling and visiting with friends and family. As travel and crowded indoor gatherings can increase the risk of respiratory infections including COVID-19, MCPS is making at-home rapid test kits available to students and staff prior to the break.

At Baker Middle School, we started distributing the test kits on November 6, and will have distributed kits to all students before Thanksgiving.

Testing is not mandatory. We are depending on our staff and families to consider their exposure risk, and test and report positive results accordingly.

The InteliSwab test takes 30 minutes for results and has an extended expiration date. Test kits should be used for staff and

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





November — National Native American Heritage Month

Monday, November 20 Early Release Day for students Parent Conferences (by invitation only)

Tuesday, November 21 — No Activity Buses Early Release Day for students

November 22–November 24 Schools and offices closed



November 24 -National Native American Heritage Day

Tuesday, November 28 — Activity Buses 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 Community Town Hall with State and County Representative (see page 5)

Wednesday, November 29 — Activity Buses Math Club, Room 231, Mr. McKay Rubik's Cube Club, Room 225, Mr. Fisher

Thursday, November 30 — Activity Buses Jazz Band, Room 107, Mrs. Fell K-Club, Room 210, Ms. Alvarado

December 4–8 – 6th Grade Outdoor Ed

Tuesday, December 5 — Activity Buses Chess Club, Room 115, Mr. Ciccarello eSports Club, Room 134, Mr. Conner and Mr Maddox

Homework Club, Room 227, Ms. Laraia

Wednesday, December 6 — Activity Buses NJHS, Room 209, Mr. Conner Rubik's Cube Club, Room 225, Mr. Fisher PTA Chipotle Spirit Night Fundraiser 4:00-8:00 p.m. (see pages 6-7)

Thursday, December 7 — Activity Buses Jazz Band, Room 107, Mrs. Fell

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.**

If your family would like to be referred for possible assistance for the December holiday season, please complete the referral form by clicking <u>here</u>.

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 <u>Shannon_Jones@mcpsmd.org</u> or 240-207-2410.



<u>MoComCon</u>, an all-day, all ages event celebrating all things comics, graphic novels and fandoms, returns Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Germantown Library.

As part of the celebration, MoComCon will include art and essay contests. The art contest is split into three age groups: child (5–12); teen (13–17) or adult (18+). Participants are asked to create artwork of their favorite character from any fandom, book, television show, movie, game or invent your own original character.

The essay contest is for anyone between the ages of 8–14. Entrants are asked to write a 300-500 word essay from the following prompt: Tell us about your fandom origin. What fandom did you first get into and why? How has it made an impact on you, and why is it important to you?

The deadline for both contests is 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1.

Entry forms for both the art and essay contests must be included with all submissions and all submissions must be submitted electronically. Contest finalists and winners will be notified by email or phone prior to MoComCon.

Art Contest Entry Form Essay Contest Entry Form More information students. For other family members, free rapid test kits are also available at most_public library locations and by mail.

What do I do if the rapid test is positive?

Staff and students positive for COVID-19 should notify their school or program directly if absent due to COVID-19. Individuals who have a positive COVID-19 test will need to follow <u>CDC guidelines for isolation</u>.

Please remember that respiratory infections like influenza and RSV are also circulating in our community. Healthy habits including isolating when sick, good handwashing and covering coughs and sneezes help prevent illness.

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.

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 M.S. Chromebook Obligation Policy

MCPS does not charge a Technology Fee for students' use of an MCPS issued Chromebook. The use of a school issued device — chromebook, charger, and case (available for free upon request) — during the school day or at home, is a privilege that comes with responsibilities. If a repair for a damaged device incurs a charge, a financial obligation will be issued.

- Damaged or lost chromebooks should be reported to the students' advisory teacher. There will be chromebook repair days during advisory every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in the media center.
- Baker/MCPS reserves the right to charge full replacement cost if the device is intentionally damaged.
- Any damage that occurs to a device while not in the case will be considered intentional. The first chromebook case is free upon request. Students can get a case by asking any of their team leaders or coming to the media center during chromebook repair days during advisory.
- Any damage that is caused by another student should be reported to security.
- Charges will not be issued for devices damaged by fire, flood, or natural disaster.
- If a malfunction is determined to be the result of routine equipment usage, there will be no repair charge.

Replacement Costs:

Chromebook — \$307; Charger — \$28; Case — \$15 School Cash Online is the preferred method of payment for Technology Replacements

2023-2024 Marking Period 1 Honor Roll and All A Honor Roll

Honor Roll — awarded to students who had a 3.0 average or higher <u>and</u> no more than one C <u>and</u> nothing lower than a C <u>and</u> had no Incompletes for the marking period.

* All A Honor Roll — awarded to students who had a 4.0 average (i.e., earned an A in every single class) and had no Incompletes for the marking period.

GRADE 6

Aaliyah Abdullah-Brown * Yamen Abu-Nasser **Kingsley Adu** Jordan Agosto * Lily Aguilar Adriel Aikins Natalia Alvarado Camila Alvarez Agreda Marvin Aparicio Brandon Arriaza Oyuna Aspelund Madison Babcock Angie Banegas Romero Jerome Barrett Tyler Barth Jordan Bauman * Kahmira Bell Kamila Berdieva **Rvan Berrv** Rhea Bhattacharya Alecia Boettcher * Addison Bonin Lilly Booth Raiden Bourdeaux Leonardo Bruno Keira Byrne * Isabella Cavanagh Jair Cazares-Perez Zackariya Chapman Oscar Cheng Angelo

Chigua-Landaverde Raegan Chronowski * Prince Coleman Blake Crossen Isabel Cummings Isabella Curtin Livia Dasilva * Olivia Davidson * Celeste Davila Avi Davis * Noah De Mello Isaiah Delgado William Derby * Damaris Deudor Davanna Deudor Naomy Diaz Argenal * Andrea Diaz Valle Sully Dowdell Aubrey Edwards Marlee Edwards Madison Eising * Ahmad Elshawahin **Reveille Farr**

Carys Ferrante Robert Fleitas-Dick * Ravna Francis * Elijah Franco Wallace * Chynna Frost * Sophia German Skylar Gerson Nicholas Gimmi Lucille Giove Jasper Grimes Ian Grossman Thaerisyn Grossman * Faith Grove **Riley Haidle Trevor Harmon** Sophie Hartnett Elisabeth Heitzler * Hazel Tonya Henry Paolo Hernandez-Saguimux Garrett Hillman * Samantha Hoffman Samuel Hoffman **Cannon Hoople** Samantha Huaman Adaya Hudson * Lily Hyde **Emily Jeon Emily Jimenez Reagan Johnson** Alyssa Jones * Tarig Kelley Alexandra Kemp * Julia King Alexander Knisely * Molly Koch Jacob Kovatch Karla Landaverde-Osorio Elina Lawson Gavin Lefave * Cali Lendowski Ashlyn Lima Bocanegra Cara Loveland * Mafo Makamte * Gabriel Maldonado Matthew Martin Juliana Martinez Lopez Zoe McAuliff * **Dellany Meiklejohn** Maxwell Minars **Diego Monje Negron** Anna Morris Amber Navarrete De Souza LaTasha Nelson Iris Ngokobi

Nathaniel Nguyen * Jackson Nichols * Amarachukwu Nwokoye * Dominic Oben Kenley Ober * Shea Obstgarten * Zolzaya Ordos * Eli Orellana Jeremy Orellana Heredia Axel Osorio-Argueta * Aanya Patel * Jeremiah Perry Patrick Plunkett Wyett Potcner * Lexi Pratt Ahmad Yasir Rahimi **Kimberly Ramos** Bryson Rendelman Abram Reynolds Adrienne Ricasa * **Riley Rivera** Siena Romero * Andrew Romero-Orellana Julian Roque Maxwell Rucker * Nathan Schmidt Owen Schmidt * Liam Schulz Jonathan Semu **Christian Sevilla Tyler Sheahin Ryan Sherman** Autumn Slone Valentina Solarte Sophia Soliz Jaslvne Solorzano * Camila Somarriba-Araneda Lyla Sommer Brayden Stultz Zoe Suan * Mikaela Summers Jada Thompson **Daniel Tiner** Lilly Trammel Myat Tun Lincoln Turner Mary Van Ravenswaay Alaya Vargas Josette Ventura Avlyn Ward Karina Wasunna Thomas Wells Mairin West

Walter Wheeler Riley Wilbanks Jazlyn Williams Mackinley Woodward Naomi Yang * Sushan Yeniebera Leyla Zadory

GRADE 7

Samrawit Adane * Aidan Aguilar Katerina Agusto-Cox Aubrey Alexander Lily Alger * Adam Alhasani Dylan Allen * Denisse Alvarenga Josue Amador Samuel Amara * Kyla Amoako Aiden Anava Marieliz Anumendem * Bella Arnold Edgar Arvelo Guzman Isabella Badaczewski Leon Baisey Said Barahona Saez Kialee Barber Diana Barbero * Jayce Bauman Alisson Bello Luna * Kaylin Bila Rebecca Biniam **Bailey Boccabello** Prim Bodner **Kennedy Brazil** Harrison Brenner Bravden Britt-Baker Alyssa Brown Miles Brown Zachary Burgess Robinson Cabrera * Stephanie Calderon DeMesquita Cruz Carbonell * Francesca Carmen Iker Carranza Nalina Chitsaard * Valeria Cisneros Andrew Civillico * Janiyah Clarke-Hall Dennys Climaco Romero Lillian Cook Hannah Cooper * Alejandro Cordova * Grethel Cruz *

Daphne Mae De La Cruz Jacklyn Dibartolo * Liam Dickinson * Avianna Dollar Ellie Dove Caitlyn Dunkelberger * Evan DuPont * Joshua Duran Arianna Eck * Hailev Ellison Jessica Ellison Mateo Faria Garcete Raul Fensterseifer Maciel Jayden Fernando * Megan Fish * Hazel Flint * **Oscar Flores Canales** Momodou Lamin Fofana Jakob Follin Abraham Garcia Franco Garcia-Negro Josie Gatti * Joseph Giove * Marcio Gomero Bayona Gabriel Gonzalez Diaz Leilah Goodrich * **Nicolas Gramatges** Autumn Graves * Nathalia Guerra Cristel Guerra Figueroa Gabriel Guillen Milena Haick Jonathan Hanson * Owen Hawkins * **Carly Hazelrigs Elias Hernandez** Ethan Hershkowitz Nicky Hewa Elani Hiev-Madison * Lily Hinkle * **Bear Hodges Charlotte Holland** Ethan Honacki * Amelia Horner * Ben Howerton Evangeline Huband * Grace Hunt * Yasmeen Basheer Othman Jaara **Kevlor** Jara Nethuki Karasnagoda * Nathan Kellner Sarah Kerr * Olivia Keys Liana Khouri *

Nico King * Meikho Koba Hiriyaan Kumarra * Iliana Kumer * Isaak Kunin Marleth Larion Michael Lazzaro * Abigail Mahr Abigail Malouf Larissa Markowitz * Julian Markwell Diana Martinez Lazo Patrick McCarty * **Bradley Miranda** Nathalie Miranda Guzman Kelly Tran * Xavier Mohammed Esdras Molina Martinez Julian Montano Aguayo Sophia Montgomery Tarig Moore Remy Mounaud * Ugonna Muoghalu Kelsey Myers * Sumagna Nanda * Lavla Neal * Ryan Niven Arial Njofang Sofie Noubissi * Ariana Nusraty Oscar Ochoa-Villatoro Kobby Okrah * Jonathan Ortega Ramirez GRADE 8 Catherine Pan * Emma Panchura * Victoria Pavnter Jose Paz Lazo Luca Petronio * El Piemontese * Ali Qureshi **Reece Rabon** Zainab Rahimi Kenneth **Ramos Granados** Delaney Ray * Yuki Reed * Haley Regan * Liam Relyea * Bryan Reyes-Larios * **Delainey Richards** Sophia Robinson * **Chad Romack** Landon Romeo Inmar Romero Gavin Rose Cadence Roth * Zoey Salazar Anna Salgado Caden Shiflett * Kelsey Shiflett * Alejandro Sierra Salgado * London Simpson *

Lincoln Smiddy **Kylee Sommer Chase Spoales** Lulu Stammers * Luke Suloway * Henry Suschak * Madison Szymczak Java Tan Harry Tashjian Joel Teshome * Leila Thoma * **Bianca Tofanin Barros** Mariana Tofanin Barros Ariana Tondini Jack Trujillo Emma Vaughan * **Riana Vaughn** Noelle Walker Eric Weng Alexandra Werner * Jason Whaley Quanari White * Ethan Wiater * Andrew Wilson * Eli Wilson Jacobi Wilson * Cole Winhoven Lillian Wright Nylah Wuor *

Adara Aggelis **Taylor Agosto** Ana Aguirre Segura Serena Alexander * Ibrahim Alnajjar Gabriel Alvarado Chelsea Angulo Tocas Samantha Apo Tegestu Arega Aiden Ario Angelica Ayala Gabriella Ayala Victoria Avala Angela Ayeh-Datey * Allyson Barahona Ayden Barnes * Amberly Bell Rodrigo Bello Luna Jada Bennett Adam Bernal Gavin Berry Ryan Bhattacharya * Lily Bickford * Angelina Biggs * Mackenzie Bliffin * Ama Bolton **Nelum Braine** Mary Brown Josiah Budd Jacob Carrillo

Tatianna Castillo Zachary Chidakel * Jerson Chigua **Brendan Choulas** Sadie Clark * Kinnick Collogan * Nolan Cooley * **Christian Cordell** Madeleine Corder Daniela Cordero Agreda Anna Luiza Da Silva Benelle Danso * Dylan Deo Maora Djibom * Katelynn Doyle **Reese Dubois** Francisco Escobar Seren Ferrante Abigail Fine * Liam Flores * **Brian Flores Gomez** Joannes Flores Gonzalez * Kailey Lohmeier **Augustine Freeman Robert Friend** Jennifer Funes * Chelsea Garcia Chase Gasque Rome Gibson-Bhola Rameesha Gilani * Nathan Gimmi Halle Gist * Christian Godinez-Villeda Marcos Gonzalez Castro Kylie Gray * David Greenberg Ildiko Gyorffy Luke Harding Kara Harpster Stella Harsanyi * **Bryan Hazlewood Colton Hedgepeth Kaleb Hendricks** Allison Hernandez Xavier Hernandez Kailev Hernandez Martinez Micah Hobbs Carl Holland * Jackson Holland **Ryder Holliday** K.J. Hoople * Alden Howell * Anna Hudson * Lucas Hudy **Decklin Hughes *** Elizabeth Hunkeler * Sofia Hyatt **Claire Jensen** Ryan Jeon * Jinseok Jeong * Nyla Johnson * Javden Jonas *

Leonna Jones **Giselle Juarez Torian Kelley** Lilly Kepley Payton Kidd Irene Kim * Sophia Kissinger Carolina Klein * Lvdia Klein **Remy Klepeis** Alexzandra Klimczak * Aubrey Kovatch * Marya Krepets * Lila Lacquement Alexandra Larche Zinmar Latt Bryce Ledford Katherine Lee * Betty Lewald Angelina Loethen Caleb Logan * Adrian Lopez * Jacob Luther Ma'shayla Lyles Ryann MacKabee Alexandra Magrum Jackson Mahr * Valentin Maldonado Clive Mallari * Ashtyn Manoogian * Sophia Marquez * Nia Marshall Sean Martin Daniel Martinez Easton Massa Genevieve McCallum * Lily McCann Christian Mendez Bairon Miranda Lopez * Isabel Mitchell * Andrew Molina **Emmanuel Montana** Dylan Moore Aung Myat Arnav Nair Liliana Nauman Colin Nguyen * **Akalon Ninan** Makayla Nunez * **Keaton Ober** Michelle Ocampo Hernandez Joel Orellana * Julianne Ostrowski * Kevin Ouedraogo Eleana Oviedo-Meyers * Johanna Palacios Elsa Palsson * Eleni Panameno Marvin Parada Miguel Parada

Michael Patton Norelle Perera * Gabrielle Petrousky * **Kennedy Pickering** Tylee Plummer-Scott Rocio Portillo Martinez **Cassidy Prather Ronald Puente Cano** Princess Quave David Ramos Rikriti Raut * **Alexander Raybuck** Holisoa Reilly * Gabrielle Ryleigh Ricasa * Kaleigh Richelsen Gabriel Rivera Estevez Mva Rivera Hernandez Victor Rizkallah * **Drew Robinson** Matthew Robinson Sara Rodriguez * Elvin Rodriguez Mendoza Kyle Rodriguez Rivera Alexander Rucker **Denzel Sagbeh** Aislinn Sell * Jordi Serrano Palma * Calianna Sessions * Joseph Shadid Sy Shafie * Jenna Sherman * **Rachel Sherman Dominic Shook** Nehemiah Sigei Hvunah Sim * Adela Smith * **Finn Smith** Nathaniel Stafford * Makayla Starling Soksovanica Tan * Ryan Tarwater-Lanham * Finn Thompson Joshua Thompson * Taryn Thompson * Bianca Tran Alyson Trout * Darwin Valencia Cruz Theodore Van Ravenswaay * Alani Vargas Niyol Veid * Zacharias Von Palubitzki Vivian Wagner * Reese Walker * Payton Wallace Naomi Watkins * Paige Wheeler Rylee Wilberding * August Zopf

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State Delegate Natalie Ziegler

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Dawn Luedtke



County Councilmember County Councilmember Marilyn Balcombe

MAKE UPCOUNTY'S VOICE HEARD!

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT COUNCILMEMBER.LUEDTKE@MONTGOMERYCOUNTYMD.GOV



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