

Dr. Worthington's Message

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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.**

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

Baker MS Winter Concerts

Baker Bands

December 11 — 6:30 p.m. at DHS

Baker Chorus and Orchestra

December 13 — 6:30 p.m. at DHS

Instrumental groups under the direction of **Mrs. Valerie Fell**.

Choral groups under the direction of **Mrs. Kari Liuzzi**



Upcoming Community Meetings

[Click here](#) for the DHS Renovation Slideshow. We have a number of meetings coming up that are really important! Please see the list below.

Community Town Hall w/County Councilmember Dawn Luedtke and other state and county representatives, November 28th, 7:00-8:30 pm (DHS Cafeteria)

DHS Renovation, Community Design Worksessions (DHS Cafeteria)

- December 11, 2023 — 6:30 pm
- January 10, 2024 — 6:30 pm
- January 23, 2024 — 6:30 pm

SGA Canned Food Drive Ends November 27

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

SGA Warm Coat Drive

SGA is collecting warm coats for the Warm Coat Drive. Donations can be dropped off in the Media Center or Room 233 **until December 12, 2023.**

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



Looking Ahead

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 3)

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

Basketball Tryouts — Boys
 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

Basketball Tryouts — Boys
 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 4–5)

Thursday, December 7 — Activity Buses

Basketball Tryouts — Boys
 Jazz Band, Room 107, Mrs. Fell
 Fall Sustainability Symposium (see page 6)

Monday, December 11

Baker Bands Winter Concert; 6:30 p.m. at Damascus High School

Tuesday, December 12 — Activity Buses

Town Halls with Phil Andrews on Cyber Civility through PE/Health classes
 Art Club, Room 210, Ms. Alvarado
 Basketball Tryouts — Girls
 Chess Club, Room 115, Mr. Ciccarello
 Homework Club, Room 227, Ms. Laraia
 SGA Meeting, Room 233, Ms. Blankenship

Wednesday, 13 — Activity Buses

Basketball Tryouts — Girls
 Math Club, Room 231, Mr. McKay
 Rubik's Cube Club, Room 225, Mr. Fisher
 Baker Chorus and Orchestra Concert,
 6:30 p.m. at Damascus High School

Thursday, December 14 — Activity Buses

Basketball Tryouts — Girls
 Jazz Band, Room 107, Mrs. Fell
 K-Club, Room 210, Ms. Alvarado

Student Kudos!

Congratulations to **Beanie Biggs** and **Lily Bickford**! Both young ladies recently completed their **Silver Award**

“What does the Silver Award mean in Girl Scouts?

Going for the Girl Scout Silver Award—the highest award a Girl Scout Cadette can earn—it gives you the chance to show that you are a leader who is organized, determined, and dedicated to improving your community.”

Recently, House with a Heart was the recipient of a project by two local Girls Scouts, creating over 80 social media graphics about House with a Heart.

Lily Bickford and Beanie Biggs, are 8th grade Baker cadettes from Girl Scout Troop 32034 in Damascus. This was their silver award project, which is a 50-hour sustainable project that impacts their community. They had such a great time working on this project and hope it helps the rescue continue caring for senior pups.



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

Coming Soon!

- **December 20 — Winter Hat Day**
- **December 21 — Winter Sweater Day**
- **December 22 — Winter Pajama Day & Staff vs. Student Basketball Games**



[MoComCon](#), 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](#)

COMMUNITY TOWN HALL



State Senator
Katie Fry Hester



State Delegate
Chao Wu



State Delegate
Natalie Ziegler

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PRIORITIES



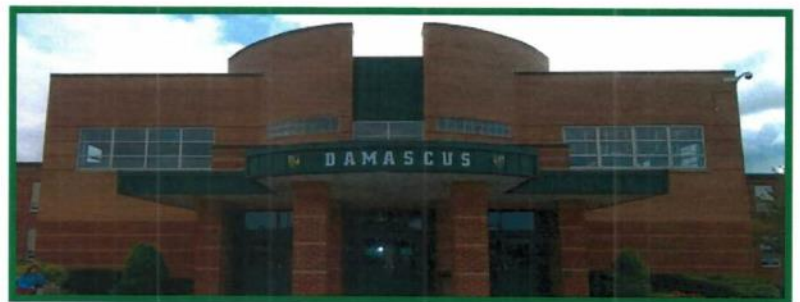
County Councilmember
Dawn Luedtke



County Councilmember
Marilyn Balcombe

MAKE UPCOUNTY'S
VOICE HEARD!

Tuesday, November 28
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Damascus High School Cafeteria
25921 Ridge Road



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COUNCILMEMBER.LUEDTKE@MONTGOMERYCOUNTYMD.GOV

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FALL SUSTAINABILITY SYMPOSIUM




DID YOU KNOW TRASH
POWERS YOUR HOUSE?

The day in a life of an ice cream wrapper....

Meet virtually:
Thursday, December 7th
6-7pm



How does trash
produce electricity?



RSVP here!

Earn up to 1.5 SSL hrs
for attending!



Join the Student Climate Action Council, students from across Montgomery County Public Schools, and the Division of Sustainability and Compliance in a virtual symposium to learn how the trash that is generated within the county including our schools is turned into electricity that powers homes in our neighborhoods.

Hear from guest speakers from Covanta and learn how our local actions are reducing waste and making our county more sustainable and environmentally friendly!

For more information/questions, email: sustainability@mcpsmd.org or call 240-740-3210

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