

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**



Student Kudos!

Congratulations to **Arianna Eck, Kylie Gray, Liana Khouri, Mafo Makamte, and Henry Suchak!** They will represent Baker Middle School in the **MCPS Middle School Honors Chorus**.

Pizza Party Winners!

Thank you to the Baker MS community for donating around 400 canned food items to the **SGA sponsored Canned Food Drive!** A big thank you to **Ms. Alvarado's class** for making **319 donations**. A pizza party is on the way to the class!

SGA Warm Coat Drive

The Baker MS SGA is collecting warm coats for the Warm Coat Drive **until December 12, 2023**.

Donations can be dropped off in Room 233 or the Media Center.



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

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



Looking Ahead

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. Maddox
 Homework Club, Room 227, Ms. Laraia

Wednesday, December 6 — Activity Buses

Basketball Tryouts — Boys
 Rubik's Cube Club, Room 225, Mr. Fisher
 PTA Chipotle Spirit Night Fundraiser
 4:00-8:00 p.m. (see page 2)

Thursday, December 7 — Activity Buses

Basketball Tryouts — Boys
 Jazz Band, Room 107, Mrs. Fell
 Fall Sustainability Symposium (see page 3)

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
 NJHS, Room 209, Mr. Conner
 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

Monday, December 18

Interims available on ParentVue and StudentVue and mailed home to non-activated Parent/VUE accounts

Wednesday, December 20

Winter Hat Day

Thursday, December 21 Activity Buses

Winter Sweater Day

Friday, December 22 Activity Buses

Winter Pajama Day
 Staff vs. Student Basketball Games

Pillars of Character

"Character – the willingness to accept responsibility for one's own life – is the source from which self-respect springs." *Joan Didion*

Character education is an integral part of the instructional program at Baker Middle School. A person of good character is ethical and has moral strength. Baker Middle School will recognize students who exemplify the core universal values of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship.

November Character Trait – Trustworthiness

Trustworthiness is being honest, telling the truth, keeping promises, and being loyal. Trustworthy people do not lie, cheat, or steal. They have the moral courage to do the right thing, even when it is hard to do.

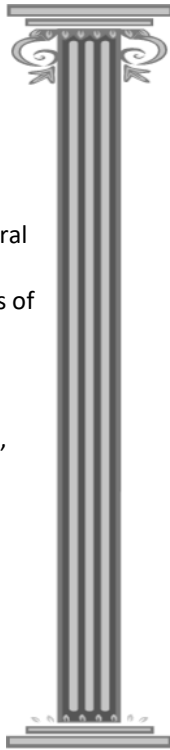
November Students of the Month

Odyssey – Kinglsey Adu, Naomi Yang

Terrapins – Hazel Flint, Jonathan Hanson

Champions – Denzel Sagbeh, Jenna Sherman

Explorers – Joshua Hillah, Dylan Jutzuy Perez



Winter Hat Day Wednesday, December 20

Students and staff are invited to wear favorite holiday or winter hats all day long at school



Winter Sweater Day Thursday, December 21

Students and staff are invited to wear favorite holiday or winter sweaters at school



Winter Pajama Day Friday, December 22

Students and staff are invited to wear favorite holiday or winter pajamas at school



Staff v. Student Basketball Games Friday, December 22

8th grade	Period 3	10:20–10:43
7th grade	Period 4	11:10–11:36
6th grade	Period 5	12:03–12:29



Time to Bundle Up

Brrr — it's freezing! A reminder that our doors open to students at 7:50 a.m. (9:50 a.m. on days when there is a two-hour delay). Please make sure students come bundled warmly in preparation for the cold temperatures outside. Thank you!



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR BAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA

33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH | 4-8PM
9815 MAIN ST STE 104, DAMASCUS, MD, 20872

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **ZE9RY4A**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT

For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.



RECAUDACIÓN DE FONDOS PARA BAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA

33% DE LAS VENTAS DEL EVENTO SERÁN DONADAS A LA CAUSA

MIÉRCOLES, DICIEMBRE 6º | 4-8PM
9815 MAIN ST STE 104, DAMASCUS, MD, 20872

ORDENA EN LÍNEA PARA RECOGER USANDO EL CÓDIGO **ZE9RY4A**
O MUESTRA ESTE VOLANTE EN EL RESTAURANTE

Para que las órdenes en línea se tengan en cuenta para Dorothy evento de recaudación de fondos, deberán ser del mismo lugar del evento y realizarse durante las horas del mismo. Las órdenes con servicio de entrega y las realizadas con una tarjeta de regalo no cuentan para el evento. Se requiere un mínimo de \$150 dólares de ventas para recibir cualquier donación.




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



RSVP here!

How does trash
produce electricity?



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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\$500,000

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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