

## Dr. Worthington's Message

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### Welcome Back, Students and Staff!

Parent/Guardians of 6th grade students — If you dropped off medications for your 6th grader for Outdoor Ed, please come to the Health Room and pick up the remaining medication. Medications can not be sent home with students.

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is coming up. **Baker Parent Articulation Night for rising 6th, 7th, and 8th graders (current 5th, 6th, and 7th graders) will be held on Thursday, January 18, 2024.** Baker counselors will be in 6th and 7th grade Social Studies classes January 17-19, 2024, to talk about course options for the upcoming school year. Registration for 6th and 7th grade students will take place January 22-26, 2024. Registration will be done at home using a Google form.

**Damascus High School Parent Orientation for parents of rising 9th graders (current 8th graders) will be held on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at the high school.** DHS counselors will be at Baker to discuss course options with 8th graders during a Town Hall on January 18, 2024. Online registration will be held in English classes on January 23, 2024.

**Semester 1 and Marking Period 2 end on Friday, January 26, 2024.** There's still time to turn in that last assignment or study for that final assessment before report card grades are submitted. Please be sure to ask your children if they are missing any assignments or assessments. You may check the ParentVue, or your child's planner, for updates.

Next week, Baker students will be taking the MAP-M and MAP-R assessments — **MAP-M the morning of Tuesday, January 9, and MAP-R the morning of Wednesday, January 10.** (See page 3)

Please make sure that on assessment days your child comes to school on time, well-rested, and having consumed a nutritious breakfast. Please avoid scheduling appointments that would pull your child out of school during the testing blocks.

### Recognizing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Office of School Support and Well-Being works collaboratively with the Montgomery County Volunteer Center to promote service opportunities and acts of kindness. As a result, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) annually recognizes Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., (MLK) with a week of service projects in our schools. Over the past six years, nearly 600 service projects have been completed during the MLK week of service.

- The MLK Day of Service will be recognized on Monday, January 15, 2024.
- The MLK Week of Service will be Saturday, January 13 through Sunday, January 21, 2024.



### Looking Ahead

**Monday, January 1**  
Schools and offices closed



**Tuesday, January 2**  
No school for students and staff

**Wednesday, January 3 — Activity Buses**  
NJHS Meeting, Room 209, Mr. Conner  
Rubik's Cube Club, Room 225, Mr. Fisher

**Thursday, January 4 — Activity Buses**  
Jazz Band, Room 107, Mrs. Fell  
K-Club, Room 210, Ms. Alvarado

**Friday, January 5**  
SSL forms due for hours earned during Semester 1 and Summer 2023

**Tuesday, January 9 — Activity Buses**  
MAP-M, 8:15–10:11 a.m. (see page 3)  
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  
Workout Club, Weight Room, Mr. Fisher  
PTA Spirit Night Fundraiser at Maggi's, 4:00-7:00 p.m. (see page 4)

**Wednesday January 10 — Activity Buses**  
MAP-R, 8:15–10:11 a.m. (see page 3)  
Basketball vs. Clemente, Boys Home/  
Girls Away  
Rubik's Cube Club, Room 225, Mr. Fisher

**Thursday, January 11 — Activity Buses**  
Jazz Band, Room 107, Mrs. Fell  
K-Club, Room 210, Ms. Alvarado  
Workout Club, Weight Room, Mr. Fisher

**January 13–21 — MLK Week of Service**

**Monday, January 15**  
Schools and offices closed  
MLK Day of Service

**Wednesday, January 17**  
DHS Parent Orientation, 7:00 p.m. at DHS

**Thursday, January 18**  
Baker Parent Articulation Night, 6:30 p.m.

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

## Pillars of Character

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

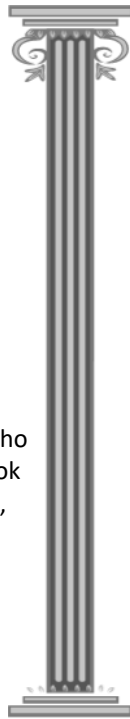
Character education is an integral part of the instructional program at Baker Middle School. A person of good character is ethical and has moral strength. Baker will recognize students who exemplify the core universal values of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship.

### December Character Trait – Respect

Respect is showing others that they are valued for who they are – their character, and not for what they look like or what they have. Respectful persons are polite, do not use bad language, and never use violence.

### December Students of the Month

Odyssey – Nathaniel Nguyen, Darne Williams  
Terrapins – Alejandro Cordova, Josie Gatti  
Champions – Kinnick Collogan, Taryn Thompson  
Explorers – FBA, Eliorah Obame



## SSL Reminder

Turn in completed SSL forms from this summer or the first semester by January 5, 2024, in order to see them reflected on the next report card. Turn in the forms to Mrs. Paredes in Room 219 or the Main Office. Always make a copy for yourself (or scan on your phone) before turning in completed SSL forms.

## Kudos to Music Department Students!

Congratulations to the Baker students who successfully auditioned for a place in advanced ensembles.

**MCPS Middle School Honors Chorus** — Arianna Eck, Kylie Gray, Liana Khouri, Mafo Makamte, Henry Suschak

**MCPS Honors Band** — Jinseok Jeong

**North All-County Band** — Yuki Reed, Madison Eising, Andrew Civillico

**MCPS All-County North Orchestra** — Miles Brown, Elijah Franco Wallace, Elisabeth Heitzler, Emily Jeon, Harry Tashijan, Anna Hudson

## Upcoming Community Meetings

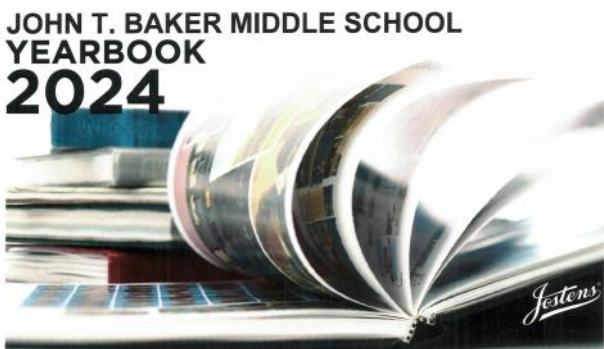
[Click here](#) for the DHS Renovation Slideshow. [DHS Renovation, Community Design Worksessions](#) (DHS Cafeteria)

• January 10, 2024 – 6:30 pm • January 23, 2024 – 6:30 pm

## Americanism Essay Contest

Each year, the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) sponsors an Americanism Essay Contest for students in grades 3-12, including students with special needs. This year's essay deals with **"What does Freedom mean to me?"** Winners (one per class per division) will receive \$50 and a \$50 donation in the student's name will be made to the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship fund.


The required cover sheet and additional information will be available from Ms. Lawrowycz. Students will need to ask a Baker MS teacher to sponsor them. Essays are to be turned in to the sponsoring teacher no later than January 23, 2024.




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# Winter 2024 MAP Testing Bell Schedule

## Jan 9th & Jan 10th

### Day 1 (Tuesday, Jan 9, 2024)

Bells	GRADE 6	GRADE 7	GRADE 8
8:15 - 10:11	MAP-M Test Block		
10:15 - 10:48	Period 1/Announcements	Period 1/Announcements	Period 1/Announcements
10:52 - 11:24	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2
11:28 - 12:00	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3
12:04-12:36	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4 - LUNCH
12:40-1:12	Period 5	Period 5 - LUNCH	Period 5
1:16-1:48	Period 6 - LUNCH	Period 6	Period 6
1:52 - 2:24	Period 7	Period 7	Period 7
2:28 - 3:00	Period 8	Period 8	Period 8

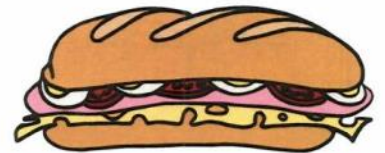
### Day 2 (Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2024)

Bells	GRADE 6	GRADE 7	GRADE 8
8:15 - 10:11	MAP-R Test Block		
10:15 - 10:48	Period 1/Announcements	Period 1/Announcements	Period 1/Announcements
10:52 - 11:24	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2
11:28 - 12:00	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3
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2:28 - 3:00	Period 8	Period 8	Period 8

**\*\*Students will report directly to their Testing Location (Advisory Teacher for most).**

# Maggi's Pizza and Subs

## Baker PTA Spirit Night Fundraiser



**Tuesday, January 9th**  
**From 4:00 - 7:00 PM**

**Call to order or order online**  
**Number - (301) 253-4620**  
**Website- [maggispizzaanddeli.com](http://maggispizzaanddeli.com)**

**Be sure to mention the Baker  
fundraiser when ordering.**



# 2023-2024 MCPS Inclement Weather and Operating Status

This is the full list of systemwide weather-related and operating status options for Montgomery County Public Schools and provides guidelines related to school status and activities during certain emergency conditions, and identifies the various levels of personnel.

## Green

### Normal Operations

All Schools and Admin Offices are open on time

All staff report on time  
Before/After school childcare programs and Community Use occur as scheduled

## Yellow

### Delayed Opening

Schools will open 2 hours later and Admin Offices will open on time

10-month staff report 2 hours later  
11 and 12-month staff report on time  
Before/After school childcare programs and Community Use occur as scheduled

## Blue

### Early Dismissal

Schools will close 2.5 hours earlier and Admin Offices will remain open

10-month staff depart after all students  
11 and 12-month staff remain to complete scheduled work day  
Before/After school childcare programs and Community Use canceled

## Orange

### Schools Closed Offices Open

Schools closed and Admin Offices are open

10-month staff do not report  
11 and 12-month staff report 2 hours late  
Before/After school childcare programs may decide to operate  
Community Use is canceled

## Red

### School System Closed

Schools and Admin Offices are closed

Only emergency personnel will report  
All other staff does not report  
Before/After school childcare programs and Community Use are canceled

## Purple

### Virtual Learning Day

Virtual Instruction Occurs

Emergency personnel and others performing essential functions report in person  
All other staff can report virtually  
Before/After school childcare programs and Community Use are canceled

- ICB Childcare Programs follow the responses for MCPS administrative offices
- CUPF - Community Use Activities are canceled when schools are closed, for the morning if there is a 2 hour delay, and for the afternoon when schools are dismissed early
- Emergency personnel must report to work and perform work for all status options, as in the negotiated contracts

[Emergency Information](#) — How to Receive MCPS Emergency Information, Weather Decisions, School Closings and Other Emergency Procedures, Emergency Preparedness, Resources

# Opciones para el tiempo inclemente y el estado de funcionamiento de MCPS 2023-2024

Esta es la lista completa de opciones relacionadas con el clima y el estado operativo en todo el sistema para las Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Montgomery y proporciona pautas relacionadas con el estado escolar y las actividades durante ciertas condiciones de emergencia, e identifica los diversos niveles de personal.

## Verde

### Operaciones normales

Todas las escuelas y oficinas administrativas abren en su horario habitual

Todo el personal se reporta a trabajar en su horario habitual. Los programas de cuidado infantil de antes y después de la escuela y el uso comunitario ocurren según lo programado

## Amarillo

### Apertura retrasada

Las escuelas abrirán 2 horas más tarde y las oficinas administrativas abrirán en su horario habitual

El personal de 10 meses se reporta a trabajar 2 horas más tarde. El personal de 11 y 12 meses se reportan a trabajar en su horario habitual. Los programas de cuidado infantil de antes y después de la escuela y el uso comunitario ocurren según lo programado.

## Azul

### Salida temprana

Las escuelas cerrarán 2.5 horas más temprano y las oficinas administrativas permanecerán abiertas

El personal de 10 meses sale después de todos los estudiantes. El personal de 11 y 12 meses permanecen para completar el día de trabajo programado. Los programas de cuidado infantil de antes y después de la escuela y el uso comunitario quedan cancelados.

## Naranja

### Escuelas Cerradas Oficinas Abiertas

Las escuelas están cerradas y las oficinas administrativas están abiertas

El personal de 10 meses no se reporta a trabajar. El personal de 11 y 12 meses se reportan a trabajar 2 horas más tarde. Los programas de cuidado infantil de antes y después de la escuela pueden decidir operar. Se cancela el uso comunitario

## Rojo

### Sistema escolar cerrado

Las escuelas y las oficinas administrativas están cerradas

Solo el personal de emergencia se reporta a trabajar. Todo el resto del personal no debe reportarse a trabajar. Los programas de cuidado infantil antes y después de la escuela y el uso comunitario se cancelan

## Morado

### Día de aprendizaje virtual

La instrucción es virtual

El personal de emergencia y otras personas que desempeñan funciones esenciales se reportan a trabajar en persona. El resto del personal puede reportarse a trabajar de manera virtual. Los programas de cuidado infantil antes y después de la escuela y el uso comunitario se cancelan.

- Los Programas de Cuidado Infantil de ICB siguen las pautas para las oficinas administrativas de MCPS.
- CUPF (siglas en inglés) - Las actividades de uso comunitario se cancelan cuando las escuelas están cerradas, por la mañana si hay un retraso de 2 horas, y por la tarde cuando las escuelas salen temprano.
- El personal de emergencia debe presentarse al trabajo y realizar el trabajo durante todas las opciones de estado, según los contratos negociados.

**Información de emergencia:** cómo recibir información de emergencia de MCPS, decisiones meteorológicas, Cierre de escuelas y otros procedimientos de emergencia, preparación para emergencias, recursos