

Dr. Worthington's Message

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This 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.**

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. (*See page 2*)

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.

Upcoming Community Meetings

[Click here](#) for the DHS Renovation Slideshow. If you were unable to attend the December 11 [Community Design Worksession](#), the next one will be held on January 10 at 6:30 pm in the DHS cafeteria. Students who attend will earn Student Service Learning hours. The community hours are only for Baker, DHS, and Hallie Wells students.

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.

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



Looking Ahead

Tuesday, January 9 — Activity Buses

MAP-M, 8:15–10:11 a.m. (*see page 2*)
 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 3*)

Wednesday January 10 — Activity Buses

MAP-R, 8:15–10:11 a.m. (*see page 2*)
 Basketball vs. Clemente,
 Boys Home/Girls Away
 Rubik's Cube Club, Room 225, Mr. Fisher

Thursday, January 11 — Activity Buses

8th Grade Panoramic Photo
 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

MLK Day — schools and offices closed
 MLK Day of Service

Tuesday, January 16 — Activity Buses

Art Club, Room 210, Ms. Alvarado
 Chess Club, Room 115, Mr. Ciccarello
 Homework Club, Room 227, Ms. Laraia
 Workout Club, Weight Room, Mr. Fisher

January 17–19 — Counselors visit 6th/7th

Social Studies with FY25 registration info

Wednesday, January 17 — Activity Buses

NJHS, Room 209, Mr. Conner
 Rubik's Cube Club, Room 225, Mr. Fisher
 DHS Parent Orientation, 7:00 p.m. at DHS

Thursday, January 18 — Activity Buses

Town Hall with DHS Counselors, 10:00-10:47
 Jazz Band, Room 107, Mrs. Fell
 K-Club, Room 210, Ms. Alvarado
 Workout Club, Weight Room, Mr. Fisher
 Baker Parent Articulation Night, 6:30 p.m.

January 22–26 — 6th/7th Graders register
 for FY25 classes at home using Google

Tuesday, January 23

8th Grade Registration in English classes

Wednesday, January 24

Town Halls through PE/Health classes

Friday, January 26

End of Marking Period 2 and Semester 1

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

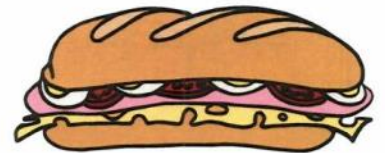
Day 2 (Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2024)

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
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

****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

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

ELECTRIC VEHICLE WRAP



ART CONTEST

RULES

BACKGROUND

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Policy ECA, Sustainability, states our systemwide commitment to environmental sustainability. To support this policy, MCPS has purchased seven electric-powered cargo vans as fleet replacements. These electric vehicles will help reduce MCPS's overall greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and support the Board of Education's commitment to cut GHG emissions by 80% by 2027 and 100% by 2035.

We need your help to promote the actions that MCPS is taking to protect the environment. Your creative designs can inspire others care more about sustainability!

- This contest is open to all MCPS students and staff.
- Entries may be hand-drawn or created digitally.
- Artwork must contain the MCPS acronym and the slogan **Committed to Sustainability**.
- Artwork must promote the use of electric vehicles and/or the use of renewable energy sources.
- All entries must be accompanied by an official contest entry form.
- See the contest guidelines sheet for more details.

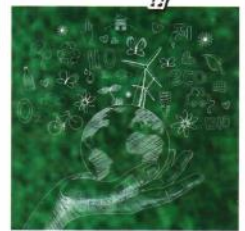
The focus of this contest is to increase awareness and demonstrate our school district's commitment to environmental sustainability and our sustainable actions.

Visit www.MCPSsustainability.org or call 240-740-3210 for more information.

**CONTEST ENDS
FEBRUARY 2, 2024**

Sustainability POSTER CONTEST

All MCPS students and staff are invited to participate in the Division of Sustainability and Compliance's 2024 poster contest.



**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
APRIL 5, 2024**



THREE OF THE FIVE WINNING POSTERS FROM 2023

The focus of this annual contest is to increase awareness and demonstrate your school's commitment to environmental sustainability and sustainable actions related to energy conservation, waste reduction, and responsible recycling.

Scan the QR codes to download the entry form and to get more details about the contest.



ENTRY FORM
bit.ly/46E6CROB



GUIDELINES
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240-740-7715

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Scan here to register!

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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.

Thank you for your support.

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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

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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

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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