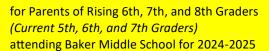
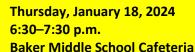
#### Dr. Worthington's Message

Twitter: DrLouise Worthington@BAKERprincipal

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.

### Baker Middle School Parent Articulation Meeting





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 (see page 4). 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.

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

- 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 page 2 for service opportunities for Baker Students.

#### **Americanism Essay Contest**

The American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) is sponsoring an Americanism Essay Contest for students in grades 3-12. This year's essay deals with "What does Freedom mean to me?" 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.

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



## Looking Ahead

January 13–21 — MLK Week of Service Monday, January 15 — MLK Day of Service MLK Day — schools and offices closed

Tuesday, January 16 — 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 SGA Meeting, Room 233, Ms. Blankenship Workout Club, Weight Room, Mr. Fisher Music Department Fundraiser at J&P Pizza in Damascus (see page 3)

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.

Friday, January 19

Jazz Band at Towson Jazz Festival

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

#### **NJHS/SGA Friendship Dance**

Baker MS community and all: Please help students have a friendly and fun time at the February 9, 2024, Friendship Dance by purchasing any items from the following Amazon list. Items can be ordered and then **sent with your student** to drop off in the Media Center. Please do not set the delivery address as Baker MS.

Thank you so much! https://
www.amazon.com/
hz/wishlist/ls/
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#### Baker Students Honor Martin Luther King Jr. through Community Service

This week, Baker Middle School students learn about the history of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and will have the opportunity to serve by starting a Comfort Cases project. Student will publicize the need for Comfort Cases, will collect and organize donations, and ultimately will pack Comfort Cases. Please use the QR code at the right or go to MLK Jr. Week Presentation to learn more.



MLK Jr. said, "Whatever affects one directly, affects all SGA, with the help of the Baker Small Duffel Bag or Backpack MS community, is starting a Pajamas, Child Size 10 to Adult 3XL comfort cases project during Blanket (no larger than 50"x60") MLK Jr. week. Any student can Adult Toothbrush (1 – 3 pack) attend the SGA 2 hour SSL Toothpaste (travel size) opportunity after school on Shampoo & Conditioner (travel size) next Tuesday, 01/16 in room 233 Lotion (travel size) from 3-4:20pm to help create Soap or Body Wash (travel size) Deodorant posters to spread awareness. Stuffed Animal (12" or smaller) Journal The list of donation items that Pens & Pencils can be dropped off in the Book media center

#### 2024 MLK Day of Service Event at the Damascus Community Center!





#### **NEST Volunteers**

NEST4US is partnering with Montgomery County Volunteer Center at the 2024 Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Day of Service event. We will join thousands of Americans across the country who will be celebrating the national holiday honoring the life and work of Dr. King by doing service in their communities.

During this event, volunteers will be participating in various service projects including notes of kindness, mealtime inspiration kits, blessing bags, grocery bags, brunch bags, compassion wall, gratitude bags, etc. Together, let's brighten the day of families in need with these bags, giving them nourishment. love, and hope!

\*\*2 service hours will be provided for this event\*\*

To register, go to <u>NEST Volunteers: 2024 MLK Day of</u> Service Event! (signupgenius.com)



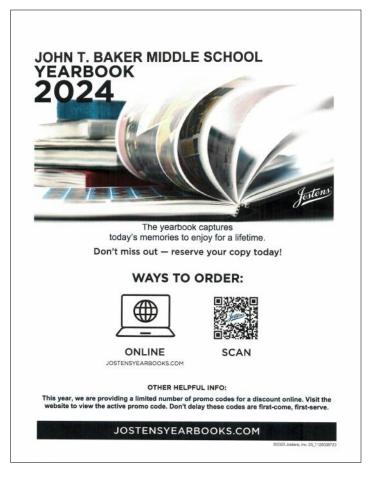
### Support the John T. Baker Middle School Music Department!

When: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 3:00-9:00 pm

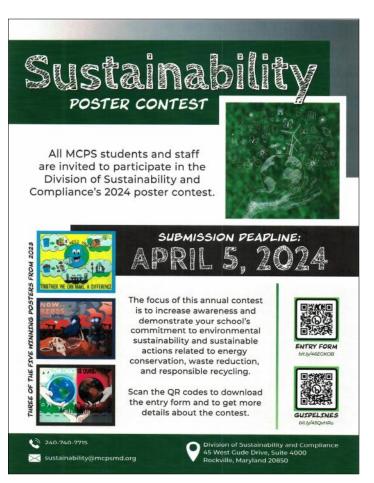
Where: New York J&P Pizza 26067 Ridge Road

Damascus, MD (301) 253-1600

Grab a delicious meal from J & P Pizza in Damascus from 3:00-9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16. Carry out or dine in only. Don't forget to mention the Baker Music Department when you check out at the register!







# DAMASCUS HIGH SCHOOL RISING 9TH GRADE PARENT ARTICULATION NIGHT

Rising 9th grade students and families are cordially invited to attend the DHS 9th Grade Parent Information Night on

SY 2024-2025

January 17 at 7:00 PM in the DHS Auditorium

This is an opportunity to

- Meet the DHS administration team, counselors, and department leaders (RTs)
- Hear an overview of DHS
- Review the instructional program and course offerings at DHS
- Review the recommendation and registration process for SY 2024-2025
  - Hear department-specific information regarding course offerings and recommendations

# FOR MORE INFO

Please contact Ms. Sarah Fitzgerald, Assistant Principal at Damascus High School, if you have any questions.

Sarah\_B\_Fitzgerald@mcpsmd.org 240.207.2400



Los estudiantes y familias que ingresarán al noveno grado están cordialmente invitados a asistir a DHS - Noche de información para padres de noveno grado el miércoles 17 de enero de 2024 a las 7:00 p.m.

Esta es una oportunidad para

- Conozca al equipo de administración, los consejeros y los líderes de departamento (RT) de Damascus High School
- Escuche una descripción general de Damascus High School
  - Revise el programa de instrucción y las ofertas de cursos en Damascus High School
- Revisar el proceso de recomendación y registro para 2023-2024
- Escuche información específica del departamento sobre ofertas de cursos y recomendaciones.

Estamos emocionados de darle la bienvenida a DHSI Reúnase en el auditorio del DHS a las 7:00 p.m. Comuníquese con la Sra. Sarah Fitzgerald, subdirectora de Damascus High School, si tiene preguntas.

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# 2023-2024 MCPS Inclement Weather and Operating Status

Maryland's Largest School District

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Expanding Opportunity and Unleashing Potential

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.

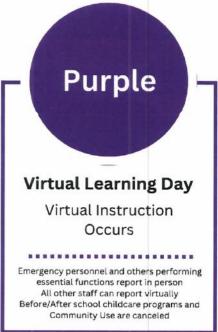












- ICB Childcare Programs follow the responses for MCPS administrative offices
- CUPF Community Use Activities are canceled when schools are closed, for the morning if there is a 2 hour delay, and for the afternoon when schools are dismissed early
- · Emergency personnel must report to work and perform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

<u>Emergency Information</u> — 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

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El personal de emergencia y otras personas que

desempeñan funciones esenciales se reporatn 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.

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.



Los Programas de Cuidado Infantil de ICB siguen las pautas para las oficinas administrativas de MCPS.

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

 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.

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

 El personal de emergencia debe presentarse al trabajo y realizar el trabajo durante todas las opciones de estado, según los contratos negociados.

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