

## Dr. Worthington's Message

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Please join our **Concert Chorus** and **Chamber Singers**, as well as **chorus students from our feeder elementary schools**, on



**Tuesday, January 30**, for the **Damascus Cluster Elementary and Middle School Choral Concert**. The concert will start at **7:00 p.m.** and will be held at **DHS**.

## 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. Students who exemplify the core universal values of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship will be recognized by a letter from the principal which will be placed in the student's cumulative file as well as being sent home, and a photo certificate displayed in the main office showcase.

### January Character Trait – Responsibility

Responsibility is doing what you are supposed to do. Responsible people think ahead, set reasonable goals, control their tempers, and always do their best. They do not give up easily, especially when others are counting on them. Responsible people accept the consequences of the choices they make. They do not blame others.

### January Students of the Month

Odyssey – Addison Bonin, Myat Tun  
Terrapins – Ellie Dove, Jacobi Wilson  
Champions – Gavin Berry, Benelle Danso  
Explorers – Ayden Essama, Antony Sanchez

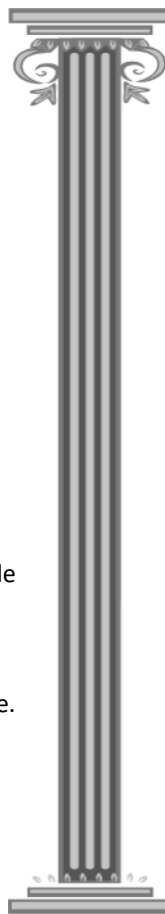
## NJHS/SGA Friendship Dance

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/ILTWIZQN1G6W?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/ILTWIZQN1G6W?ref=wl_share)



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## Looking Ahead

### Monday, January 29

No school for students

### Tuesday, January 30 — Activity Buses

Marking Period 3 and Semester 2 begin  
Art Club, Room 210, Ms. Alvarado  
Chess Club, Room 115, Mr. Ciccarello  
Homework Club, Room 227, Ms. Laraia  
SGA Meeting, Room 233, Ms. Blankenship  
Workout Club, Weight Room, Mr. Fisher

### Wednesday, January 31 — Activity Buses

WIDA Testing, 8:15–10:43 a.m.  
Basketball vs. Hallie Wells, Boys Away/  
Girls Home  
NJHS Meeting, Room 209, Mr. Conner  
Rubik's Cube Club, Room 225, Mr. Fisher

### February —

### African American Heritage Month

### Thursday, February 1 — Activity Buses

WIDA Testing, 8:15–10:43 a.m.  
Jazz Band, Room 107, Mrs. Fell  
K-Club, Room 210, Ms. Alvarado  
Workout Club, Weight Room, Mr. Fisher

### Friday, February 2

National Wear Red Day to call attention to heart disease

### February 5–9 —

### National School Counseling Week

### Monday, February 5

Report cards available in Synergy and distributed to students

### Tuesday, February 6 — 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  
Workout Club, Weight Room, Mr. Fisher  
Basketball vs. Rocky Hill, B Home/G Away  
Damascus Cluster ES/MS Choral Concert, 7:00 p.m. at Damascus High School

### Wednesday, February 7 — Activity Buses

WIDA Testing, 8:15–10:43 a.m.  
Rubik's Cube Club, Room 225, Mr. Fisher

### Thursday, February 8 — Activity Buses

WIDA Testing, 8:15–10:43 a.m.  
Jazz Band, Room 107, Mrs. Fell  
K-Club, Room 210, Ms. Alvarado  
Workout Club, Weight Room, Mr. Fisher

### Friday, February 9

NJHS/SGA Friendship Dance at Baker MS, 3:00–5:00 p.m. (see pages 3–6)



## John T Baker Middle School PTA

### 8th Grade Promotion and End of Year Activities

Hello 8th grade families. This is your child's last year at Baker Middle School and there will be a lot to celebrate in June of 2024! We are planning now and need your help to make 8th grade events a success for our children.

End of year events and activities include a DHS Class of 2028 t-shirt for each student, the 8th grade celebration/dance, a class gift to the school, and the 8th grade promotion ceremony on the last day of school.

**We ask that families contribute \$25 or more for each child.** The money will be applied toward the items mentioned above and to make sure that *all students* are included, so if you would like to contribute more than \$25 it will be well utilized. We also ask that families consider signing up to help with various events and activities. We appreciate both your financial contributions and your time and efforts to help create wonderful memories for our children.

Please complete the form and send it in, along with your \$25 contribution, to the main office. Please make checks payable to **"Baker PTA,"** and note in the memo **AND on the envelope: "8th Grade Promotion."** Return to **Baker Middle School PTA, 25400 Oak Drive, Damascus, MD 20872.**

If you prefer digital payment options, you can pay through PayPal by using **@BakerMSPTA** or by scanning the following QR code:



**8th grade committee meetings are from 6-7 PM before PTA meetings. Please stay connected so you know what the plan is and to see how you can help.** Email questions to the PTA at [BakerPTA@yahoo.com](mailto:BakerPTA@yahoo.com). We greatly appreciate your support!

**Your 8th grader's full name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Let us know how you can help! Circle one or more.**

Dance/Celebration

Promotion ceremony

T-shirt distribution

Fundraising

Class gift

Committee Chair

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclose your \$25 check payable to Baker PTA, and mark in the memo "8th Grade Promotion."**



# NJHS and SGA “Gift of Friendship” Dance

Friday, February 9, 2024 • 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Gym



Tickets may only be purchased online using SchoolCash Online <https://mcpsmd.schoolcashionline.com/> starting Wednesday, January 31, 2024 through Wednesday, February 7, 2024.

Tickets are \$7.00 each. All sales are final — refunds will not be given. Tickets will not be sold at the door!

Profits from the sales of tickets and concessions will be distributed between NJHS and end-of-year 8th grade activity costs.

Students must have their own transportation home after the dance at 5:00 p.m. Students picked up more than 15 minutes after the end of the dance will not be permitted to participate in any dances for the remainder of the school year.

Pizza slices, beverages, and candy will be sold for \$1.00 each. CASH ONLY!

All school rules apply, including dress code.

As with all Baker dances, this dance is open to Baker students only.

Parents – if you wish to chaperone, please contact the Baker Main Office staff at 240-207-2440.

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## “THE GIFT OF FRIENDSHIP” DANCE PERMISSION SLIP

Students: You must turn in this completed and signed permission slip **AND** a payment receipt from SchoolCash Online (<https://mcpsmd.schoolcashionline.com/>) at lunch Monday, February 5–Thursday, February 8, 2024, in order to attend the dance.

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number where parent can be reached during the dance: \_\_\_\_\_

My child has permission to attend the Baker Middle School Dance on Friday, February 9, 2024 from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

My child and I agree to the following expectations:

1. Only students who have purchased tickets online using SchoolCash Online AND have turned in this permission slip will be admitted to the dance.
2. All ticket sales are final — no refunds will be given.
3. Each student will abide by all school rules, including dress code.
4. Each student will have a ride home at 5:00 p.m. Students picked up more than 15 minutes after the end of the dance will not be permitted to participate in any dances for the remainder of the school year.
5. A student leaving before 5:00 p.m. must be picked up by a parent at the doors to the gym.

Parent Signature (required): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature (required): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Baker Middle School Dance Chaperone Guidelines

## BEFORE THE DANCE

Call the Main Office at 240-207-2440 if you are the parent of a Baker student and wish to chaperone at the dance. Please leave a phone number where you may be reached.

Please remember that Baker dances are for Baker students only. It is not appropriate to bring along siblings that do not attend Baker Middle School.

Prior to arriving at the dance, please review the school student discipline policy and behavior expectations as posted in the student planner and parent handbook.

## ARRIVAL AT THE DANCE

Arrive 15 minutes before the dance is scheduled to begin.

If the dance is held after school, enter the school through the main front doors and report to the Main Office to receive your name badge. Proceed to the gym where you will be given directions by an administrator.

If the dance is held at night, enter the building through the lower level doors and report to the administrator in the lobby to receive your name badge and directions for the dance.

## DURING THE DANCE

Monitor students in your assigned area.

Once tickets are collected, students may exit the gym only through the side doors.

Students may not go outside during the dance. A student may leave only if a parent arrives and escorts his/her child out of the dance.

All school rules (*see the Student Planner and/or Parent Handbook*) apply to students at the dances. If you observe behavior that is contrary to school policies, report it to an administrator or teacher.

If you observe behavior that is rude, threatening, offensive, harmful, or otherwise inappropriate, report it to an administrator or teacher. This applies to adults as well as students.

## AFTER THE DANCE

Stay 15 minutes after the dance.

Usher students out of the dance once the gym lights have been turned on.

Usher students out of the building and assist students in finding their rides home.

If any student has not been picked up within 15 minutes after the end of the dance, escort the student to an administrator in front of the building.

**Thank you for chaperoning the dance  
and supporting our students!**





# Baile del “Regalo de la amistad” de NJHS y SGA

Viernes, 9 de febrero de 2024 • 3:00-5:00 p.m. en el gimnasio



Los boletos solo se pueden comprar en línea usando SchoolCash Online <https://mcpsmd.schoolcashionline.com/> a partir del miércoles 31 de enero de 2024 hasta el miércoles 7 de febrero de 2024.

Los boletos cuestan \$7.00 cada uno. Todas las ventas son finales, no se darán reembolsos.  
¡No se venderán entradas en la puerta!

Las ganancias de la venta de boletos y concesiones se distribuirán entre NJHS y los costos de las actividades de fin de año del octavo grado.

Los estudiantes deben tener su propio transporte a casa después del baile a las 5:00 p.m. Los estudiantes recogidos más de 15 minutos después del final del baile no podrán participar en ningún baile durante el resto del año escolar.

Las rebanadas de pizza, las bebidas y los dulces se venderán a \$1.00 cada uno. ¡SOLAMENTE EFECTIVO!

Se aplican todas las reglas de la escuela, incluido el código de vestimenta.

Al igual que con todos los bailes de Baker, este baile está abierto solo para los estudiantes de Baker.

Padres: si desea ser un chaperón, comuníquese con el personal de la oficina principal de Baker al 240-207-2440.

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## PERMISO PARA EL BAILE “EL REGALO DE LA AMISTAD”

Estudiantes: debe entregar este formulario de permiso completo y firmado

Y un recibo de pago de SchoolCash Online (<https://mcpsmd.schoolcashionline.com/>) en el almuerzo del lunes 5 de febrero al jueves 8 de febrero de 2024 para poder asistir al baile.

Nombre del estudiante: \_\_\_\_\_ Grado \_\_\_\_\_

Nombre del padre: \_\_\_\_\_

Número de teléfono donde se puede localizar a los padres durante el baile: \_\_\_\_\_

Mi hijo/a tiene permiso para asistir al Baile de la Escuela Intermedia Baker el viernes 9 de febrero de 2024 de 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Mi hijo/a y yo estamos de acuerdo con las siguientes expectativas:

1. Solo los estudiantes que hayan comprado boletos en línea usando SchoolCash Online y hayan entregado este formulario de permiso serán admitidos al baile.
2. Todas las ventas de boletos son finales, no se otorgarán reembolsos.
3. Cada estudiante cumplirá con todas las reglas de la escuela, incluido el código de vestimenta.
4. Cada estudiante tendrá un viaje a casa a las 5:00 p.m. Los estudiantes recogidos más de 15 minutos después del final del baile no podrán participar en ningún baile durante el resto del año escolar.
5. Un estudiante que sale antes de las 5:00 p.m. debe ser recogido por uno de los padres en las puertas de la gimnasio.

Firma del Padre (obligatorio): \_\_\_\_\_ Fecha: \_\_\_\_\_

Firma del estudiante (obligatorio): \_\_\_\_\_ Fecha: \_\_\_\_\_

# Directrices para acompañantes del baile de Baker Middle School

## ANTES DEL BAILE

Llame a la oficina principal al 240-207-2440 si es el padre de un estudiante de Baker y desea ser chaperón en el baile. Por favor, deje un número de teléfono donde puede ser alcanzado.

Recuerde que los bailes de Baker son para Baker. estudiantes solamente No es apropiado llevar hermanos que no asisten a la escuela secundaria Baker.

Antes de llegar al baile, por favor revise el política de disciplina y comportamiento de los estudiantes de la escuela expectativas tal como están publicadas en el planificador del estudiante y manual de padres.

## LLEGADA AL BAILE

Llegue 15 minutos antes de la hora programada para el baile comenzar.

Si el baile se lleva a cabo después de la escuela, ingrese a la escuela a través de las puertas principales e informar al Oficina principal para recibir su gafete con su nombre. Proceder a la gimnasio donde te darán indicaciones por un administrador.

Si el baile se lleva a cabo en la noche, ingrese al edificio a través de las puertas de nivel inferior e informar a la administrador en el lobby para recibir su nombre placa e instrucciones para el baile.

## DURANTE EL BAILE

Supervise a los estudiantes en su área asignada.

Una vez recogidos los boletos, los estudiantes pueden salir del gimnasio sólo por las puertas laterales.

Los estudiantes no pueden salir afuera durante el baile. Un estudiante puede irse solo si un padre llega y escolta a su hijo fuera del baile.

Todas las reglas de la escuela (consulte el Planificador del estudiante y/o Manual para padres) se aplican a los estudiantes en los bailes. Si observa un comportamiento que es contrario a la escuela políticas, repórtelo a un administrador o maestro.

Si observa un comportamiento grosero, amenazante, ofensivo, dañino o de otra manera inapropiado, repórtelo a un administrador o maestro. Este se aplica tanto a los adultos como a los estudiantes.

## DESPUÉS DEL BAILE

Quédate 15 minutos después del baile.

Saque a los estudiantes del baile una vez que la gimnasio las luces se han encendido.

Acompañe a los estudiantes fuera del edificio y ayude estudiantes en encontrar sus viajes a casa.

Si algún estudiante no ha sido recogido dentro de 15 minutos después del final del baile, acompañe al estudiante a un administrador en frente del edificio.

**Gracias por acompañar el baile.  
y apoyando a nuestros estudiantes!**





# 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



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# 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.

**CONTEST ENDS  
FEBRUARY 2, 2024**

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](https://www.MCPSsustainability.org) or call 240-740-3210 for more information.

# Sustainability

## POSTER CONTEST

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

THREE OF THE FIVE WINNING POSTERS FROM 2023

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:**  
**APRIL 5, 2024**

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/46CK00B](https://bit.ly/46CK00B)

**GUIDELINES**  
[bit.ly/4SQVHRu](https://bit.ly/4SQVHRu)

240-740-7715

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