

Mr. Levine's Message

Greetings Baker Bulldogs Families!

I would like to congratulate **Mrs. Liuzzi** and the **choral students** for an outstanding performance this past week. We are excited for the upcoming band and orchestra performance this week.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can support your child's experience at Baker Middle School in any way. Thank you for your support and partnership!

Best,
Sam Levine

Baker MS Winter Concerts

Baker Bands

December 8 — 6:30 p.m. at DHS

Baker Orchestras

December 11 — 6:30 p.m. at DHS

Instrumental ensembles under the direction of **Mrs. Valerie Fell** and **Ms. Lisa Ehrenspeck**



Time to Bundle Up

With the cold temperatures in the morning we want to remind you that our doors open for students at 7:50 a.m. on regular school days and 9:50 a.m. on days when there is a two-hour delay. Staff are not on duty until those times and, thus, there is no one to supervise students or to let them in the building. Please make sure students come bundled warmly in preparation for the cold temperatures outside. Thank you!



Winter Hat Day Friday, December 19

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



Winter Sweater Day Monday, December 22

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



Winter Pajama Day Tuesday, December 23

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



Staff v. Student Basketball Games Tuesday, December 23

8th grade	Period 3	10:10–10:43
7th grade	Period 4	11:00–11:36
6th grade	Period 5	11:53–12:29



Looking Ahead

Monday, December 8

Baker Bands Concert, 6:30 p.m. at DHS

Tuesday, December 9 — Activity Buses

Basketball Tryouts — Boys, Mr. Walker, Gym

FAC, Mrs. Paredes, Room 219

PTA Meetings (*see pages 5–6*)

Wed, December 10 — Activity Buses

Wellness Wednesday

Basketball Tryouts — Boys, Mr. Walker, Gym

SGA, Ms. Blankenship, Room 208

PTA Ledo Spirit Night Fundraiser (*see p 7*)

Thursday, December 11 — Activity Buses

Basketball Tryouts — Boys, Mr. Walker, Gym

Bracelet Club, Ms. Walsh, Room 101

Homework Club, Ms. Laraia, Room 131

Jazz Band, Ms. Fell, Room 107

Baker Orchestras Concert, 6:30 p.m. at DHS

Monday, December 15

PTA Staff Appreciation Breakfast

Tuesday, December 16 — Activity Buses

Basketball Tryouts — Girls, Mr. Smith, Gym

Wed, December 17 — Activity Buses

Fidos for Freedom Therapy Dogs, in the Media Center

Wellness Wednesday during Advisory

Basketball Tryouts — Girls, Mr. Smith, Gym

Thursday, December 18 — Activity Buses

SGA Spirit Day: Twin Day (Dress up with your friends as your favorite duo)

Basketball Tryouts — Girls, Mr. Smith, Gym

Bracelet Club, Ms. Walsh, Room 101

Homework Club, Ms. Laraia, Room 131

Jazz Band, Ms. Fell, Room 107

NJHS, Mr. Conner, Room 234

Friday, December 19

Winter Hat Day

Interims available on ParentVue and mailed to families without active ParentVue accounts

Monday, December 22

Winter Sweater Day

Tuesday, December 23

Winter Pajama Day

Staff vs. Student Basketball Games

December 24–January 2

Winter Break

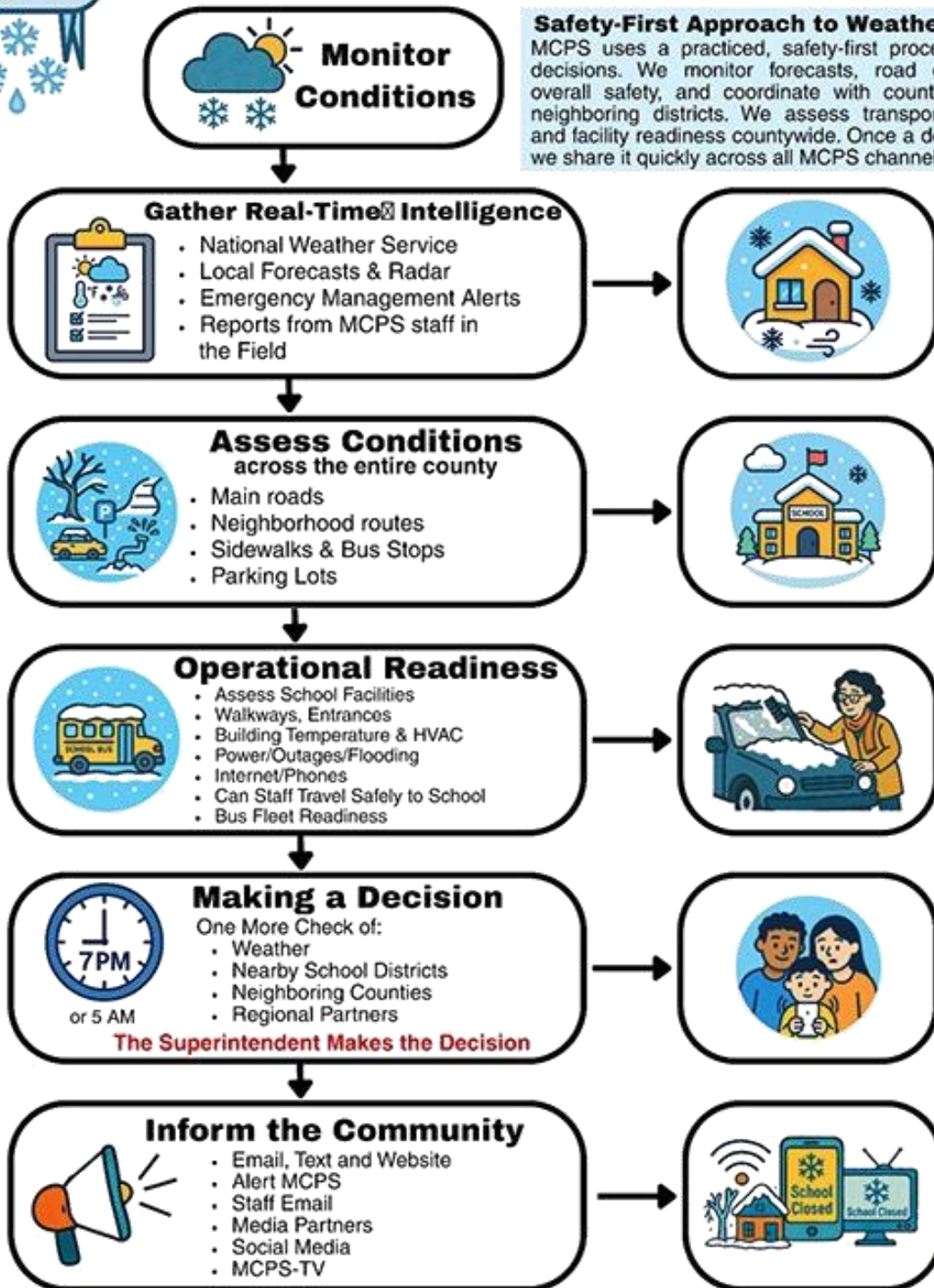
Monday, January 5

Welcome Back!



Weather Decisions

How We Decide Whether to Open, Delay or Call a Snow Day



Frequently Asked Question: It's not snowing where I am—why close my school?

Answer: Weather varies across our 500-square-mile county. Buses and staff travel through many areas, some of which may be icy or unsafe. Decisions must be made for systemwide safety, not individual neighborhoods.

How to Receive MCPS Emergency Information
<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/>

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

C-SPAN StudentCam Competition:

Students in grades 6 through 12 are invited to create a video documentary on a topic that relates to the theme, "Exploring the American Story through the Declaration of Independence." Top prize is \$5,000.

Deadline: Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2026.

Choose Respect Video Contest: Open to secondary students, this contest challenges teens to create an original video promoting awareness of dating violence/abuse among teens. Videos can be in English or Spanish. Top prize is \$1,000. **Deadline: Sunday, Feb. 15, 2026.**

America's Field Trip: This contest invites students in grades 3-12 to submit writing or artwork in sharing their perspectives on what America means to them — and earn the opportunity to travel for field trip experiences at historic and cultural landmarks. **Deadline: March 30, 2026.**

THE 2026 YEARBOOK

Jostens



Everyone belongs in the
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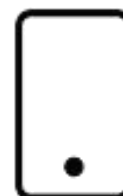


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YEARBOOK RECOGNITION ADS ARE NOW FOR SALE!

Baker Middle School

Dear Parent or Student,

Yearbook Recognition Ads are the perfect way to commemorate achievements and celebrate milestones. In addition, revenues from Recognition Ads help our school create a better yearbook. To purchase your ad online, follow the instructions listed below. Jostens is responsible for our school's yearbook ad sales. Please do not contact or send materials to the school. Please also consider our school's ad content guidelines below during the creation of your ad online. All orders must be placed by 01/30/2026.

DEADLINE: 01/30/2026

ORDER BY 01/30/2026

COLOR AD

1/4 Page	\$155.00
1/8 Page	\$100.00

Taxes, service fees, and shipping fees will be added, if applicable. Jostens payment plan available; minimum purchase requirements and eligibility restrictions apply.

3 EASY STEPS TO CREATE A YEARBOOK RECOGNITION AD!



Step 1

Choose your ad size and layout
(Options may vary by school.)



Step 2

Add your photos



Step 3

Enter your text

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the guidelines for recognition ad content?

Schools may review and edit ads per their guidelines. Jostens retains the right to remove any explicit text, graphic photos or copyright-protected imagery or photos.

School Ad Content Guidelines

Our school reserves the right to edit ads per our guidelines.

Please make sure all submitted materials are appropriate for school publication.

How are the ad prices determined and what is the money used for?

Recognition ad prices are determined by our school. Revenue from recognition ads helps the school create a better, more affordable yearbook.

How is the ad deadline determined?

The ad deadline is set by our school based on the production schedule for the yearbook.

Can I create my student's ad on my mobile device?

Yes, yearbook ads can be created online from both desktop and mobile devices.



(800) 358-0800

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UPCOMING PTA MEETING DATES:

Tuesday, Dec. 9

6 pm – 8th Grade Committee
7 pm – PTA Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 13

6 pm – 8th Grade Committee
7 pm – PTA Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 10

6 pm – 8th Grade Committee
7 pm – PTA Meeting

Tuesday, Mar. 10

6 pm – 8th Grade Committee
7 pm – PTA Meeting

PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Amy Bartosch, President –
BakerPTA@yahoo.com

Shannon West, Treasurer –
BakerPTATreasurer@yahoo.com

Stacy Smith, Secretary –
BakerPTASecr@yahoo.com

Jaime Kemp, 8th Grade Comm –
Baker8thGrade@yahoo.com

Visit our webpage!



Visit our Facebook Page!



PTA UPDATES

Still thinking about joining us? Our next meeting is Tuesday, December 9th – please join us (Zoom or in-person!) and see what we're all about. We'd love to hear your ideas and get your feedback! [Zoom Call In Link](#)
Meeting ID: 856 0156 9113 Passcode: 908892

If you think you may be interested (Or maybe still have questions?) Please email BakerPTA@yahoo.com!



Scan the QR code to link to our online membership form!

LEDO Pizza Spirit Night on Dec. 10th!

- ◆ From 11 am to 9 pm!
- ◆ Show flyer (attached) or use code "Fundraiser" to order online.

Staff Appreciation Breakfast, 12/15!

- ◆ Please sign up to donate food, beverages or funds towards our winter Staff Appreciation Breakfast!
- ◆ [SignUp Genius here!](#)

Krispy Kreme Fundraiser – Going on Now!

- ◆ Purchase a "Digital Dozen" online and head to your nearest Krispy Kreme for your dozen Original Glazed!
- ◆ 50% of each dozen sold will go directly to our 8th Grade.
- ◆ [Use this link to purchase!](#)

Have an 8th Grade Student?

- ◆ Please fill out the attached form
- ◆ Donations cover - DHS Class of 2030 t-shirt, 8th Grade Dance and Promotion Ceremony in June
- ◆ Donations can be made via check (Baker PTA with student's name in the memo line) or via PayPal @BakerMSPTA or scan the QR code below.



PTA Dates & Contacts

PRÓXIMAS FECHAS DE REUNIONES DE LA PTA:

Martes 9 de diciembre

6 pm – comité de octavo grado
7 pm – reunión de la PTA

Martes 13 de enero

6 pm – comité de octavo grado
7 pm – reunión de la PTA

Martes 10 de febrero

6 pm – comité de octavo grado
7 pm – reunión de la PTA

Martes 10 de marzo

6 pm – comité de octavo grado
7 pm – reunión de la PTA

JUNTA EJECUTIVA DE LA PTA:

Amy Bartosch, Presidenta –
BakerPTA@yahoo.com

Shannon West, Tesorera –
BakerPTATreasurer@yahoo.com

Stacy Smith, Secretaria –
BakerPTASecr@yahoo.com

Jaime Kemp, comité de 8 grado –
Baker8thGrade@yahoo.com

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Visit nuestra página de Facebook!



ACTUALIZACIONES DE LA PTA

¿Sigues pensando en unirte a nosotras? Nuestra próxima reunión es el martes 9 de diciembre. ¡Únete a nosotros (por Zoom o presencialmente) y descubre todo lo que hacemos! Nos encantaría escuchar tus ideas y recibir tus comentarios. [Enlace de llamada de Zoom](#) ID de reunion: 856 0156 9113 Código de acceso: 908892

Si cree que puede estar interesado (¿o tal vez todavía tiene preguntas?) envíe un correo electrónico a BakerPTA@yahoo.com!



¿Quieres ser miembro?

¡Escanee el código QR para vincularlo a su formulario de membresía en línea!

¡Noche de espíritu de LEDO Pizza el 10 de diciembre!

- ♦ ¡De 11 de la mañana a 9 de la noche!
- ♦ Muestre el folleto (adjunto) o utilice el código “Fundraiser” para realizar su pedido en línea.

¡Desayuno de agradecimiento al personal, 12 de diciembre!

- ♦ ¡Regístrese para donar alimentos, bebidas o fondos para nuestro desayuno de agradecimiento al personal de invierno!
- ♦ [¡Regístrate Genius aquí!](#)

¡Campaña de recaudación de fondos de Krispy Kreme – ¡En marcha ahora mismo!

- ♦ ¡Compra una “Digital DOzen” en línea y dirígete a tu Krispy Kreme más cercano para obtener tu docena de Original Glazed!
- ♦ El 50% de cada docena vendida se destinará directamente a nuestro Comité de 8º Grado.
- ♦ [¡Utiliza este enlace para comprar!](#)

¿Tienes un estudiante de octavo grado?

- ♦ Por favor, rellene el formulario adjunto
- ♦ Las donaciones cubren: camiseta de la clase 2030 de DHS para todos los estudiantes, ceremonia de baile y promoción de octavo grado y junio
- ♦ Las donaciones se pueden hacer mediante cheque (Baker PTA con el nombre del estudiante en la línea de notas) o mediante PayPal @BakerMSPTA o escanee el código QR a continuación.





RAISING FUNDS TASTES GREAT!

Join us at *Ledo Pizza.* for a
FUNDRAISER to support
Baker MS PTA

Ledo Pizza: LEDO PIZZA DAMASCUS
9805 MAIN STREET
DAMASCUS, MD 20872 TEL 301-482-0700

When: WEDNESDAY Dec 10, 2025
11:00AM – 9:00PM

Online Code: Fundraiser

(Please enter the code above into the Coupon/Fundraiser Code area on the Checkout page for the organization to receive credit for your order)

ONLINE - CARRYOUT - DINE-IN

Bring in this flyer, show it on your phone,
enter the code for online orders, or just mention
you are here to support this fundraiser and 20%
of the proceeds will be donated to the organization!



ORDER.LEDOPIZZA.COM



Support our PTA with



Krispy Kreme Digital Dozens!

\$15 / dozen

Same as the in-store price, but the PTA gets 50% of the funds!

Proceeds will benefit the 8th Grade End of Year activities!



John T Baker Middle School PTA

8th Grade Promotion and End of Year Activities

Lets Celebrate our Middle School Graduates!

What does your donation cover?	Your donation covers a DHS Class of 2030 t-shirt for each student, the 8th grade dance that includes food and drinks , a DJ , and photo booth , as well as decorations for the promotion ceremony .
Contribution	We ask that families contribute \$35 or more for each child – see what it covers above!
Want to do more?	We would love if families consider signing up to help with the various events and activities for our 8 th graders. We appreciate both your financial contributions and your time and efforts to help create wonderful memories for our children. 8th Grade Committee meetings are from 6 -7 pm before PTA meetings.
To Do: 	Please complete the form below and return to Baker's main office along with your contribution. Checks should be made payable to "BAKER PTA" with a note in the memo AND on the envelope: "8 th Grade Promotion." Return to: Baker Middle School PTA, 25400 Oak Drive, Damascus, MD 20872. You can also use this link to fill out the form online or use the QR code to the right.
Digital Payment Options	Digital payments may be made through PayPal using @BakerMSPTA or by scanning the following QR code: 

Stay connected so you know what the plan is and to see how you can help. Email questions to the 8th Grade PTA Committee at Baker8thGrade@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
T-Shirt Distribution

Promotion Ceremony
Fundraising

Class Gift

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Enclose your \$35 check payable to Baker PTA, and mark in the memo "8th Grade Promotion"

John T Baker Middle School PTA

8th Grade Promotion and End of Year Activities

¡Celebremos a nuestros Graduados de Escuela Intermedia!

¿Qué cubre su donación?	Su donación cubre una camiseta de la Clase DHS de 2030 para cada estudiante, el baile de octavo grado que incluye comida, bebidas, un DJ y una cabina de fotos, así como decoraciones para la ceremonia de promoción.
Contribución	Pedimos que las familias contribuyan con \$35 o más por cada estudiante — ¡vea lo que cubre arriba!
¿Quiere hacer más?	Nos encantaría que las familias consideraran inscribirse para ayudar con los diversos eventos y actividades para nuestros estudiantes de octavo grado. Agradecemos tanto sus contribuciones financieras como su tiempo y esfuerzo para ayudar a crear recuerdos maravillosos para nuestros niños. Las reuniones del Comité de Octavo Grado son de 6 a 7 p.m. antes de las reuniones del PTA.
Pendiente: 	Por favor complete el formulario a continuación y devuélvalo a la oficina principal de Baker junto con su contribución. Los cheques deben hacerse a nombre de "BAKER PTA" con una nota en el memo Y en el sobre: "8th Grade Promotion" (Promoción de Octavo Grado). Envíelo a: Baker Middle School PTA, 25400 Oak Drive, Damascus, MD 20872. También puede usar este enlace para completar el formulario en línea o escanear el código QR a la derecha.
Opciones de Pago Digital	Los pagos digitales pueden hacerse a través de PayPal usando @BakerMSPTA o escaneando el siguiente Código QR: 

Así sabrá cuál es el plan y cómo puede ayudar. Envíe sus preguntas por correo electrónico al Comité de Octavo Grado del PTA a: Baker8thGrade@yahoo.com. ¡Agradecemos mucho su apoyo!

Nombre completo de su estudiante: _____

¡Háganos saber cómo puede ayudar! Marque una o más opciones

Baile/Celebración

Ceremonia de Promoción

Regalo de Clase

Distribución de Camisetas

Recaudación de Fondos

Nombre: _____

Correo electrónico: _____ Teléfono: _____

Adjunte su cheque de \$35 a nombre de Baker PTA y anote en el memo "8th Grade Promotion."



MindCraft Student Success Coordination Service

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Building healthy futures

JSSA's Student Success Coordination service, part of the MindCraft program, provides elementary and middle school students with short-term care coordination (4 months) aimed at helping students increase their success in school. Families can access these support services free of charge in select MCPS schools thanks to a grant from the State of Maryland.

Using the participating student's strengths as the program's foundation, the student, their family, school staff, and other family-identified partners collaborate to assess the challenges, develop a care plan, and create individualized strategies to meet the plan goals.

School staff identify students who would benefit from participating in the program, seek approval from families to make the referral, and then send the referral to JSSA for implementation.



Parents and Guardians can scan the QR code to self-refer your student.



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Servicio de coordinación para el éxito estudiantil MindCraft

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CRAFT

Construyendo un future saludable

El servicio de Coordinación para el éxito estudiantil de JSSA, que forma parte del programa MindCraft, ofrece a los estudiantes de primaria y secundaria una coordinación de atención a corto plazo (4 meses) con el objetivo de ayudarles a mejorar su rendimiento escolar. Las familias pueden acceder a estos servicios de apoyo de forma gratuita en determinadas escuelas de MCPS gracias a una beca del estado de Maryland.

Utilizando las fortalezas del estudiante participante como base del programa, el estudiante, su familia, el personal escolar y otros socios identificados por la familia colaborando para evaluar los retos, desarrollar un plan de atención y crear estrategias individualizadas para alcanzar los objetivos del plan.

El personal escolar identifica a los estudiantes que se beneficiarían al participar en el programa, solicita la aprobación de las familias para realizar la inscripción y, a continuación, envía la inscripción a JSSA para su implementación

Los padres y tutores pueden escanear el Código QR para inscribir a su estudiante.



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