

Mr. Levine's Message

Greetings Baker Bulldogs Families!

I hope your start to the school year has been great!

At John T. Baker Middle School, we feel that consistent attendance in school is of primary importance. If students are in school and engaged, they will learn.

Please continue to send your child to school on time each day when healthy and, whenever possible, please schedule appointments and vacations around the [MCPS calendar](#). We also ask that, whenever possible, students join us before or after appointments for a partial day of school, as our goal is for every moment in school to be a positive and productive learning experience for all!

Please continue to communicate with our attendance secretary, Ms. Ferrante ([Janet M. Ferrante@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Janet_M_Ferrante@mcpsmd.org) or 240-207-2440), regarding any absences from school so we can update your child's attendance record accordingly. This informs our staff of your child's attendance status for the day and allows staff to be best prepared to support your child with missed instruction upon their return.

We also encourage you to contact your child's school counselor if you have any questions regarding your child's attendance or if you would like to discuss possible supports/resources to support your child's consistent school attendance. You are welcome to contact grade level administrators, grade level team leaders, or any of your child's teachers directly regarding any absences from school.

Please do not hesitate to contact me any time with any questions or if we can support you in any way. Thank you for your continued support!

Best,
Sam Levine

Family Life Meeting

Parents of 7th and 8th grade students are invited to attend the **Family Life Meeting, Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center**. At this meeting parents will have the opportunity to preview materials that are used in the 7th and 8th grade family life units in health classes.

On Tuesday, August 25, an email was sent home to all families through Synergy with objectives and information about the meeting. If you did not receive this letter or have any questions, please contact

Mrs. Paredes at [Patricia T. Paredes@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Patricia_T_Paredes@mcpsmd.org) or Ms. Chandler at [Ashley E. Chandler@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Ashley_E_Chandler@mcpsmd.org).

EML Family Night

Is your child coded as an Emergent Multilingual Learner (EML)? Do you have questions about testing requirements like WIDA? Are you looking for resources in the county meant to help immigrant families? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then please come attend Baker's first annual **EML Night on Thursday, September 24, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM**.

We will be providing information about language assessments, technology access, and community resources. Food and babysitting will be provided. See you there!

Mr. Sullivan Conner, EML Team Leader

Yearbooks now on sale for only \$55
Price goes up after September 18
see pages 4 and 5 for more info



Looking Ahead

September 15–October 15

Hispanic–Latino Heritage Month

Tuesday, September 15 — Activity Buses
Pickleball, Mr. Smith

Wed., September 16 — Activity Buses
Pickleball, Mr. Smith
Family Life Night, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 17 — Activity Buses
Pickleball, Mr. Smith

Friday, September 18
Early Release Day for Students
Baker dismisses at 12:30 p.m.

Monday, September 21
No School for Students and Teachers

Tuesday, September 22 — Activity Buses
Pickleball, Mr. Smith

Wed., September 23 — Activity Buses
Pickleball, Mr. Smith
Cross Country v. MLK; Away
Softball v. MLK; Boys Home/Girls Away

Thursday, September 24 — Activity Buses
Pickleball, Mr. Smith
EML Family Night; 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Friday, September 25
8th Grade Band Night at DHS Home Game

September 28–October 2 —
Scholastic Book Fair

Tuesday, September 29 — Activity Buses
Flag Football, Mr. Ruocco
Cross Country v. Neelsville; Home
Softball v. Neelsville; Boys Away/Girls Home

Wed., September 30 — Activity Buses
Flag Football, Mr. Ruocco

October — National Principals' Month

Thursday, October 1 — Activity Buses
Flag Football, Mr. Ruocco
DHS DSA & Cluster Night Football, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, October 2
Back-to-School Dance, 3:00–5:00 p.m.



Attention Middle and High School Students — the September 2026 edition of the MCPS Student Post is [HERE](#).

Check it out for updates on many upcoming SSL opportunities (virtual and in-person), fall athletics updates, a new countywide MoCo Student newspaper, and more!



BAKER MS FALL BOOK FAIR

***ALL PROCEEDS HELP FUND
LIBRARY EVENTS***

CHECK OUT THE BOOKS →



← **ADULTS SIGN-UP TO HELP**



**WEEK OF
SEPT. 28- OCT. 2**

HOURS:

M-THURS: 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM

FRI: 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM

FRI EVENING: 3:30-5:30 PM

DURING SCHOOL DANCE

QUESTIONS?

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DESTINAN A FINANCIAR
EVENTOS DE LA
BIBLIOTECA***

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← **LOS ADULTOS SE INSCRIBEN PARA AYUDAR.**



**SEMANA DEL 28 DE
SEPTIEMBRE AL 2 DE
OCTUBRE**

HORAS:

DE LUNES A JUEVES: DE 7:30 A 15:30 H.

VIERNES: DE 7:30 A 15:30 H.

**VIERNES POR LA TARDE: DE 15:30 A
17:30 DURANTE EL BAILE ESCOLAR**

¿PREGUNTAS?

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COMPARTE TUS FOTOS

Encuentra más fotos tuyas y de tus amigos en el anuario escolar.

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PASO 2.

Sube tus fotos favoritas del año.

PASO 3.

Etiquétate y etiqueta a tus amigos.

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ATTENTION, 8th GRADE STUDENTS

The Northern Region will be showcasing the programs available at their school. This will be the first opportunity for students and families to visit our schools and hear directly from staff about program options they are considering for 9th grade. These are all in-person events, and we want to encourage all families to attend and see what the Northern Region has to offer. We look forward to working with everyone this year to support our Northern Region students.



MCPS Future Ready

Northern Region Center Program Showcases

See what the Northern Region has to offer!



October 1st @ 6pm
Seneca Valley High School

Theatre
Dance
International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme
Cybersecurity
NJROTC



October 8th @ 6:30pm
Clarksburg High School

Medical Science with Biomedical
Clinical Healthcare: Pharmacy Technician
Middle College: P-Tech (Computer Science)
Critical Languages, Cultures, and Global Connections (Mandarin Chinese)



October 15th @ 6pm
Damascus High School

Music
Environmental Science: Horticulture
Leadership for Social Justice



October 19th @ 6pm
Poolesville High School

Science, Math, and Computer Science
Engineering
Humanities
Leadership and Global Ecology



October 22nd @ 6:30pm
Northwest High School

Visual Art
Graphic Design
Medical Science with Biotechnology
Middle College: Business, General Studies, Engineering

ATENCIÓN: ESTUDIANTES DE 8.º GRADO

La Región Norte presentará los programas disponibles en sus escuelas. Esta será la primera oportunidad para que los estudiantes y sus familias visiten nuestros planteles y reciban información directamente del personal sobre las opciones de programas que están considerando para el 9.º grado. Todos estos eventos son presenciales, y animamos a todas las familias a asistir para conocer lo que ofrece la Región Norte. Esperamos colaborar con todos este año para apoyar a los estudiantes de nuestra región.



MCPS Future Ready

Exhibiciones de los programas de la Región Norte *¡Descubra todo lo que la Región Norte tiene para ofrecer!*

1 de octubre a las 6:00pm

Seneca Valley High School

Teatro

Danza

Programa del Diploma de Bachillerato Internacional

Ciberseguridad

NJROTC



8 de octubre a las 6:30pm

Clarksburg High School

Ciencias médicas con biomedicina

Atención sanitaria clínica: Técnico en farmacia

Colegio intermedio: P-Tech (Ciencias de la Computación)

Idiomas críticos, culturas y conexiones globales (chino)



15 de octubre a las 6:00pm

Damascus High School

Música

Ciencias ambientales: horticultura

Liderazgo para la justicia social



19 de octubre a las 6:00pm

Poolesville High School

Ciencias, Matemáticas y Ciencias de la Computación

Ingeniería

Humanidades

Liderazgo y Ecología Global



22 de octubre a las 6:30pm

Northwest High School

Artes visuales

Diseño gráfico

Ciencia médica con biotecnología

Middle College: Negocios, Estudios generales, Ingeniería





Vaccination Requirements for Children Enrolled in Maryland Preschool Programs and in Schools (Grades K-12) (Rev 6/23/2026) — Per [COMAR 10.06.04.03](#)

Instructions: To determine the required number of vaccinations for a student, first locate the student's age or grade on the chart. Then, read across the chart from left to right. **Please refer to page 2 for the footnotes and compliance rules.** For more information, visit the Maryland Department of Health [Back-to-School website](#).

Required cumulative number of doses for each vaccine for PRESCHOOL aged children enrolled in educational programs								
Vaccine	DTaP/DTP/DT _{1,6}	Polio ²	Hib ³	Measles, ^{2,4} Mumps, Rubella	Varicella ^{2,4,5} (Chickenpox)	Hepatitis B ²	PCV ³ (Pneum TM)	
Child's Current Age								
Less than 2 months	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
2 - 3 months	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	
4 - 5 months	2	2	2	0	0	2	2	
6 - 11 months	3	3	2	0	0	3	2	
12 - 14 months	3	3	At least 1 dose given after 12 months of age ³	1	1	3	2	
15 - 23 months	4	3	At least 1 dose given after 12 months of age	1	1	3	2	
24—59 months	4	3	At least 1 dose given after 12 months of age	1	1	3	1	
60 - 71 months	4	3	0	2	1	3	0	

Required cumulative number of doses for each vaccine for children enrolled in KINDERGARTEN - 12 th grade							
Grade Level (Ungraded)	DTaP/DTP/DTaP ^{1,6}	Tdap ₆	Polio ²	Measles, ^{2,4} Mumps, Rubella	Varicella ^{2,4,5} (Chickenpox)	Hepatitis B ²	Meningococcal (MCV4)
Kindergarten & Grades 1, 2, 3, 4 5, & 6	3 or 4	0	3	2	2	3	0
Grades 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, & 12	3 or 4	1	3	2	2	3	1

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— Per [COMAR 10.06.04.03](#)

FOOTNOTES

1. If DT vaccine is given in place of DTP or DTaP, a physician documented medical contraindication to the pertussis-component is required.
2. Proof of immunity by positive blood test is acceptable in lieu of vaccine history for hepatitis B, polio, and measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella, **but revaccination may be more expedient.**
3. Due to the widespread use of combination products for the primary series of childhood vaccines, the 12–15-month dose-of Hib containing vaccine should be assessed after the 15-month doctor's visit. Hib and PCV (Prenar™) are not required for children older than 59 months (5 years) of age.
4. All doses of measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella vaccines should be given on or after the first birthday. However, upon record review for students in preschool through 12th grade, a preschool or school may count as valid vaccine doses administered less than or equal to four (4) days before the first birthday.
5. Two (2) doses of varicella vaccine are required for students entering Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades and for previously unvaccinated students 13 years of age or older. Medical diagnosis of varicella disease is acceptable in lieu of vaccination. Medical diagnosis is a documented history of disease provided by a healthcare provider. Documentation must include month and year.
6. Four (4) doses of DTP/DTaP are required for children less than 7 years old. Three (3) doses of tetanus and diphtheria containing vaccine (any combination of the following —Tdap, DT or Td) are required for children 7 years of age and older.
7. Polio vaccine is not required for persons 18 years of age and older.

September/Septiembre 2026 Back-To-School Immunization Clinics/Clinica de Vacunación Regreso a La Escuela

Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services IMMUNIZATION CLINICS SCHEDULE FOR STATE MANDATED IMMUNIZATIONS For students needing Tdap, MCV4, MenB, HPV and Varicella vaccines September 2026		Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos del Condado de Montgomery CALENDARIO DE LAS CLINICAS PARA RECIBIR LAS VACUNAS REQUERIDAS POR EL ESTADO Para estudiantes que ingresan Tdap, MCV4, HPV y varicella Septiembre 2026		
School Health Services Immunization Center(Rocking Horse Rd): 4910 Macon Road, Rockville Phone: 240-740-4430 9:30a – 11a and 1:30p to 2:30p Dennis Avenue Health Center: 2000 Dennis Ave, Silver Spring Phone: 240-777-1050 Call for appointments Germantown Health Center: 12900 Middlebrook Rd, 2 nd floor Germantown Phone: 240-777-3380 8:30am-2:30p Silver Spring Health Center: 8630 Fenton Street, 10 th Floor, Silver Spring Phone: 240-777-3160 8:30am – 2:30pm				
Monday/Lunes	Tuesday/Martes	Wednesday/Miercoles	Thursday/Jueves	Friday/Viernes
August 31	September 1	September 2	September 3	September 4
				Dennis Ave Health Center 9am – 3pm
September 7	September 8	September 9 Silver Spring Health Center Germantown Health Center	September 10	September 11 Dennis Ave Health Center 9am – 3pm
September 14 DATE OF IZ EXCLUSION	September 15	September 16	September 17	September 18
				Dennis Ave 10am -2pm
September 21	September 22	September 23	September 24	September 25 Dennis Ave Health Center 9am – 3pm
September 28	September 29	September 30	October 1	October 2
				September 5/6 Clinics Closed/Clinicas Cerradas
				September 12/13 Clinics Closed/ Clinicas Cerradas
				September 19 Dennis Ave 10am -2pm
				September 20 Clinics Closed/Clinicas Cerradas
				September 26/27 Clinics Closed/Clinicas Cerradas
				October 3/4