

Mr. Levine's Message

Greetings Baker Bulldogs Families!

I hope your start to the school year continues to be 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

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

Summer Student Service Learning Hours Due by Friday, September 25, 2026

Secondary students need 75 SSL hours to graduate. Keep earning with these [September opportunities](#). Students who enroll in MCPS after Grade 6 will receive a waiver that prorates the SSL requirement. A full list of in-person and virtual opportunities, reminders and updates are available on the [SSL website](#).

Share Your Vision for America

Students in Grades 5–12 can write and perform a presidential speech and win prizes up to \$1,000. Make Your Speech calls on students to imagine they've just been elected president and are delivering their inaugural address in a 2-3 minute video. Present your best unifying vision for our democracy. [Learn more](#).

Deadline: Friday, October 30, 2026



Looking Ahead

September 15–October 15

Hispanic–Latino Heritage Month

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. Rocky Hill; Boys Home/Girls Away

Thursday, September 24 — Activity Buses
Jazz Band, Mrs. Fell
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 (see pages 3-4)

Monday, September 28
Outdoor Ed and HersheyPark Music
Showcase Parent Chaperone Meeting
(see page 2)

Tuesday, September 29 — Activity Buses
Last day to purchase a ticket for the Back-to-School Dance (see page 5)

Flag Football, Mr. Ruocco
Cross Country v. Neelsville; Home
Softball v. Neelsville; Boys Away/Girls Home

Wed., September 30 — Activity Buses
Last day to turn in permission slip for the Back-to-School Dance (see page 5)

Flag Football, Mr. Ruocco

October — National Principals' Month

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

Friday, October 2
Back-to-School Dance, 3:00–5:00 p.m.
(see pp 5-6 for info and permission slip)



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!

Outdoor Education and HersheyPark Music Showcase Parent Chaperone Meeting

If you are interested in chaperoning either Outdoor Ed (*6th grade parents*) or the HersheyPark Music Showcase (*parents of students in Concert Chorus, Chamber Singers, Concert and Symphonic Bands, Concert and Symphonic Orchestras*), Ms. Liuzzi and Mr. Haren invite you to attend this important chaperone informational meeting.



March 1-5, 2027



May 21, 2027

When: Monday, September 28

Time: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Location: Baker Middle School Cafeteria

This meeting is strictly for those parents interested in being a chaperone. We will cover the background and fingerprinting process and answer any questions you may have.

Contact Mr. Haren (joseph_a_haren1@mcpsmd.org) if you have questions.



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?

REACH OUT MS. FRIEDMAN



BAKER MS CAER FERIA DEL LIBRO

***TODOS LOS INGRESOS SE
DESTINAN A FINANCIAR
EVENTOS DE LA
BIBLIOTECA***

• ECHA UN VISTAZO A LOS LIBROS →



← 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?

COMUNÍQUESE CON LA SRA. FRIEDMAN.



Baker Middle School

Back-to-School Dance

Friday, October 2, 2026

3:00–5:00 p.m. in the Gym • \$7.00 per ticket

Tickets may be purchased online at <https://mcpsmd.schoolcashonline.com/>
until 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, September 29, 2026.

Tickets may be purchased using cash or check until 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 29, 2026.

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

Students must have their own transportation home after the dance at 5:00 p.m.

Pizza, soda, water, chips, and cookies will be sold at the dance for \$1 each. CASH ONLY!

Any proceeds from this event will go towards student and school needs.

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 call the Main Office at 240-207-2440.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL DANCE PERMISSION SLIP

Students: In order to attend the dance, you must turn in this completed and signed form
to the Main Office by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 30, 2026.

My child has permission to attend the Baker Middle School Dance on Friday, October 2, 2026, from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Name of Student: _____ Grade _____

Name of Parent: _____

Phone number where parent can be reached during the dance: _____

Payment Method: ☐ Online ☐ Cash ☐ Check # _____

My child and I agree to abide by the following expectations:

1. **All ticket sales are final — no refunds!**
2. Each student will use only his/her own ticket to enter the dance.
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.
5. A student who needs to be picked up before 5:00 p.m. must be picked up by a parent at the doors to the gym.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Baker Middle School Dance Chaperone Guidelines

BEFORE THE DANCE

Call the Main Office at 240-207-2440 if you are the parent or guardian of a John T. Baker Middle School 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.

ARRIVAL AT THE DANCE

Please arrive 15 minutes before the dance is scheduled to begin.

If the dance is held right 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 to use the restrooms or buy snacks.

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 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.

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!**



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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



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN AVAILABILITY
2026-2027 School Year**

In 1987, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued the final regulations for the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), 40 CFR Part 763. These regulations require local education agencies to prepare Asbestos Management Plans for facilities that have asbestos containing materials (ACM). An Asbestos Management plan must contain the following elements:

- Results of surveys and assessments of ACM in the facility, performed by certified inspection personnel;
- A detailed plan for managing ACM in the facility and timeframes for removal, if applicable;
- A program for operations and maintenance activities to avoid accidental disturbance of ACM during routine maintenance and for abatement services as required;
- A program for periodic surveillance of ACM and an emergency response action plan to address unanticipated problems; and
- Provisions for centralized coordination of all aspects of the asbestos program.

This notification is being provided to comply with the public notification requirement of AHERA. The Asbestos Management Plan and the most recent inspection report for your school are available at the main office for review.

It is important to note that both the EPA and the Maryland State Department of the Environment have indicated that the presence of ACM in buildings does not in itself constitute a health hazard. If the material is not damaged or disturbed, it is not a danger to workers or other occupants. The Montgomery County Public Schools Asbestos Management Program is designed to ensure that any ACM remain in good condition until removed during a major renovation or revitalization/expansion project.

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Derek Kwon, Environmental Health Specialist, Environmental Services/Indoor Air Quality Unit, Department of Facility Maintenance, at 240- 740-2331 or Derek.H.Kwon@mcpsmd.org.

Additional language translations of this notification are available at

[Sustainability and Compliance - Asbestos - Montgomery County Public Schools, MD | Montgomery County Public Schools | Rockville, MD](#)

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT NOTICE

School Year 2026–2027

Elementary Schools: Maryland Law requires that school staff and parents/guardians of all students be notified prior to planned pesticide applications in the school or on school grounds, or within 24 hours of an emergency application. Without exception, notices will be sent to all parents/guardians and circulated among school staff members.

Secondary Schools and Administrative Centers: Maryland Law requires that school-based staff, parents/guardians of middle or high school students, and staff at administrative centers who wish to be notified prior to pesticide applications in the building or on the grounds must request that they be placed on the school's pesticide notification list. To do so, please fill out the enrollment form attached to this notice and return it to your school or administrative center.

All Facilities: The Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program implemented in Montgomery County Public Schools is a proactive approach designed to control insect and rodent control in school facilities and on school grounds. The IPM Program includes frequent inspections of all school facilities to examine for pests and the conditions that favor pest invasions. As a first step in pest control, the IPM approach employs a number of preventive strategies and alternatives to pesticide application, such as employee education, source reduction, inspection, identification of potential problem areas, and improved sanitation. Each strategy is monitored and evaluated, and modifications, if necessary, are completed. Pesticides will be used only as a last resort or in an emergency

Pesticides and bait stations, by product name and common name, which may be used in buildings or on grounds during the school year include, **but are not limited to:**

Product Name	Common Name
Advion Cockroach Bait Arena	Indoxacarb
Advion Cockroach Gel Bait	Indoxacarb
Alpine WSG	Dinotefuran
Altosid Pro-G Mosquito IGR	Methoprene
Avert Dry Flowable Roach Bait	Abamectin
Contrac Soft rodent Bait	Bromodiolone
Cynoff EC	Cypermethrin
Cy-Kick CS	Cyfluthrin
Deltadust Insecticide Dust	Deltamethrin
Demon WP	Cypermethrin
Demon Max	Cypermethrin
Drione Insecticide Dust	Pyrethrins
Dylox 6.2 grams Granules	Trichlorfon

Product Name	Common Name
First Strike Soft Rodent Bait	Difethialone
Fastrac Soft Rodent Bait	Bromethalin
Garlon 4 Ultra	Triclopyr-2-Butoxyethyl Ester
Garlon 3A	Triclopyr 2-[(3,5,6-trichloro-2-pyridinyl)oxy]
Gentrol Point Source Roach Control	Hydropene
Gentrol IGR Concentrate	Hydropren
Gentrol CompleteEC3	Hydropene, Lambda-cyhalothrin
Maxforce FC Ant Bait	Fipronil
Niban Granular Bait	Orthoboric acid
Nibor D Insecticide	Disodium octaborate tetrahydrate
NiborD Foam & IGR	Disodium octaborate tetrahydrate
Optigard Ant Gel Bait	Thiamethoxam
Optigard cockroach Gel Bait	Emamectin benzoate
Phantom Termiticide Insecticide	Chlorfenapyr
Premise 75 Termiticide	Imidacloprid
Premise Foam insecticide	Imidacloprid
PT Tri-Die	Pyrethrins
PT Wasp fFreeze II	Prallethrin
PT565 plus XLO	Pyrethrins
Rat-Sorb Deodorizer	Camphoraceous
Rozol Tracking Powder	Chlorophacinone
Talon G Rodent Bait	Brodifacoum
Talstar Professional Multi-Insecticide	Bifenthrin
Termidor SC Termiticide	Fipronil
Terro PCO Ant Bait	Sodium borate
Tim-bor Pro Insecticide Fungicide Powder	Disodium octaborate tetrahydrate
ULP BP100	Pyrethrins
ZP Tracking Powder	Zinc Phosphide

Mr. Idris Ahmad, Integrated Pest Management Supervisor, Environmental Services/Indoor Air Quality, Department of Facility Maintenance, maintains copies of Safety Data Sheets and product labels for all pesticides and bait stations used in school buildings or on grounds. If you would like to review this information, please contact Mr. Ahmad at 240-740-2330 or via e-mail at Idris_Y_Ahmad@mcpsmd.org.

Additional language translations of this notification are available at

[Sustainability and Compliance - Pest - Montgomery County Public Schools, MD | Montgomery County Public Schools | Rockville, MD](#)

Please complete this form ONLY if you want to be notified prior to a pesticide application in a secondary school or admin center (notifications are automatically sent to everyone in primary schools).

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION LIST ENROLLMENT FORM
SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CENTERS
2026-2027 School Year

SCHOOL OR FACILITY: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN/STAFF MEMBER INFORMATION:
(Circle one of the above)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone: Day _____ Evening _____

STUDENT INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE):

Legal Name Registered with MCPS: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Does the student or staff member have any known medical conditions that may be aggravated by the use of a pesticide?

YES _____ NO _____

Is this information listed on your student's health card?

YES _____ NO _____

Please return forms to your school/facility. The form will be kept at the school/facility for further reference. If you require additional information regarding the Integrated Pest Management Program and/or notification procedures for Montgomery County Public Schools, please contact Idris Ahmad, integrated pest management supervisor, Environmental Services/Indoor Air Quality, at 240-740- 2330 or Idris_Y_Ahmad@mcpsmd.org.