

## SEE SOMETHING? HEAR SOMETHING? SAY SOMETHING!

### Dr. Worthington's Message

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Welcome to the new 2018-2019 school year! Whether this is your first child at Baker Middle School, or you are a veteran parent at Baker, sending your child off to middle school can be both an exciting and challenging time. We recognize that the culture and environment at Baker Middle School will have a big impact on your child's growth. At the same time, we know that you will continue to be a critical supporter of your child's learning and development and we look forward to finding ways to partner with you to ensure your child's success.

This year, I welcome the 6th grade students, **Dr. Bradley** will be the 8th grade administrator, and **Ms. Humphries** will be the 7th grade administrator.



Left to right:  
**Dr. Vaughn Bradley**,  
*Assistant Principal;*  
**Dr. Louise Worthington**,  
*Principal;*  
**Ms. Melanie Humphries**,  
*Assistant Principal*

I am pleased to announce that **Ms. Benae Gibson** will take over the **Math Resource Teacher** position here at Baker. We are delighted to have seven new staff members joining the Baker Middle School community. Please join us in welcoming:

- Ms. Amy Lipman**, Pupil Personnel Worker
- Ms. Julianna Nixon**, Paraeducator
- Ms. Elisabeth Perry-Burdick**, Speech Pathologist
- Mr. Charles Schultz**, World Studies Teacher
- Ms. Karen Schultz**, LAD Teacher
- Mr. Mark Smith**, LAD Teacher
- Ms. Jeanne Webster**, English Teacher

On behalf of all the staff of Baker Middle School, we wish them and their families much success and friendship this coming year!

We also welcome the **PTA Officers** for the 2018-2019 year:


- President – Aimee Ibacache**  
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- Vice President – Monique Sotomarin**  
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- Secretary – Nancy Bailey**  
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The Baker staff has been working hard all summer to make this school year the best ever! At the right, you will find a list of events for the first few weeks of school. Mark your family's calendars for the exciting events that are planned in the life of the school.



### Looking Ahead

- Thursday, August 30**  
Student Orientation Day
- Monday, September 3**  
Labor Day – schools and offices closed
- Tuesday, September 4**  
First day of school for students  
Marking Period 1 and Semester 1 begin
- Thursday, September 6**  
Outdoor Ed Open House at Smith Center, 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- Friday, September 7**  
Mini Pep Rally at dismissal
- Monday, September 10**  
No school for students and staff
- September 11-14**  
Dance tickets on sale during lunches  
Scholastic Book Fair in the Media Center; evening hours on Tuesday, September 11
- Tuesday, September 11**  
Baker Back-to-School Night events  
(see page 2)
- Friday, September 14**  
Back-to-School Dance, 3:00-5:00 p.m., Gymnasium
- September 15-October 15**  
Hispanic-Latino Heritage Month
- Monday, September 17**  
Flag-Raising Ceremony  
Family Life Parent Meeting
- Tuesday, September 18**  
Dads Take Your Child to School Day  
Lifetouch Fall Portraits through P.E. and Health classes (*ID and yearbook*)
- Wednesday, September 19**  
No school for students and teachers
- Wednesday, September 25**  
PTA Meeting, 7:00-8:00 p.m., LMC
- Friday, September 28**  
Due date for turning in MCPS Form 560-51 Student Service Learning Activity Verification for service completed during the summer. Please make sure to use the most recent version of the form.



### Summer Reading Assignments

Summer Reading assignments are due the first week of school. The packets will be graded and counted as a homework grade.

## Request to Withhold Directory Information

In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), students will receive form 281-13 — Annual Notice for Directory Information and Student Privacy, in their homeroom packet. This form contains a section where parents/guardians may **Request to Withhold Directory Information for the 2018-2019 School Year**. If parents/guardians choose to withhold certain information (e.g., name, telephone, photo) or even all information, they will have the opportunity to indicate exceptions to release that information for the PTA Directory, for Honor Roll publication, and for the yearbook. **It is very important that, if you wish to have your child's name and/or photo appear in the yearbook, you check the Release photo for yearbook box.** We cannot include your child's name and/or photo, individual or as part of a group, in the yearbook without this exception being noted in writing.

In addition, if you have chosen to withhold information but would like your child to be recognized for achievements in the *Paw Prints* and on the Baker website, **please make sure to check the Release name and photo for Baker Paw Prints and Baker website box.**

**If you do not wish to withhold any directory information, you do not need to turn in this form.** If you do wish to withhold directory info, please return the form by September 14, 2018.

If you have any questions, please email Ms. Lawrowycz at [Romana\\_Z.Lawrowycz@mcpssmd.org](mailto:Romana_Z.Lawrowycz@mcpssmd.org).

## Family Life Parent/Guardian Meeting Monday, September 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

This meeting will provide information about the comprehensive health education program. Instructional materials will be reviewed and parents will have the opportunity to discuss the program with the teachers. If you are unable to attend this meeting, but would like to review the materials, please call the school at 240-207-2440 to arrange a time to do this.

All students will receive Family Life Instruction through their health class unless parents/guardians turn in a signed form stating that they do not want the student taking Family Life.

## Outdoor Ed Parent/Guardian Meeting Thursday, October 4, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

This meeting will include an overview of the Outdoor Education program, a description of items to pack, time to discuss medical, dietary, and other needs, and requirements for parent chaperones. The Outdoor Education Coordinators and School Nurse will be available to answer any questions you may have concerning this exciting experience for your sixth grade student.

## Earn SSL Hours at the Fair!

Come help Damascus Lions Club dip ice cream at the Montgomery County Fair Grounds Ice Cream Bar on Tuesday, August 14, 2018. There are three shifts: 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., 3:00–7:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.–close. You must wear a hat. Get community service hours and a free work pass into the fair. Call Tammy Hertel at 301-370-6414 for more information.



# Baker MS 2018 Back-to-School Night

Thank you for understanding that  
**Back-to-School Night is for parents/guardians only.**  
This is not an event that students should attend.

## Tuesday, September 11

**Kona Ice Food Truck — 5:30-8:30 p.m.**  
in front of the school

**After-School Activities Fair—6:00-6:45 p.m.**  
in the Cafeteria

**Parent Portal Workshop — 6:00-6:45 p.m.**  
in Room 225

**PTA and Baker MS Welcome — 6:45-7:00 p.m.**

**Classroom Visits — 7:05-8:25 p.m.**



# BAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

**September 11–14**  
in the Media Center

**Evening hours**  
**Tuesday, September 11,**  
**6:00-8:25 p.m.**

