

Mr. Levine's Message

Greetings Bulldog Families,
I hope this message finds you well.

As you already may have heard, due to the school closures on January 6–8 and February 12, **the last day of the school year will now be Tuesday, June 17. The last three days — June 13, June 16, and June 17 — will be early release days for students.**

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can be of assistance in any way.

Thank you for your support and partnership.

Best,
Sam Levine

Last Chance to Order a Yearbook!

This year's yearbook has arrived! The yearbook staff has worked hard to create a memorable book to document this year and we have a LIMITED number of books to sell on a first-come, first-served basis. If you haven't already ordered, please order before June 6th to guarantee a book will be available for you on distribution day!

Order here: <http://jostensyearbooks.com?ref=A03341900>

Sneak a Peek: <https://go.screenpal.com/watch/cTfFbGnjpwf>

SSL Forms for 2024-2025 Due May 30

The final day to turn in SSL hours for service work done during the 2024–2025 school year will be May 30, 2025. **No forms turned in after May 30 will be accepted and those hours will be forfeited.** Any service hours that are done in June, July, or August, should be turned in to the SSL coordinator in September. Please contact Mrs. Paredes Patricia_T_Paredes@mcpsmd.org with any questions.

8th Grade Field Trip to Adventure Park

Tuesday, June 10, 2025 • 9:00–2:00

8th Grade Promotion Ceremony

Thursday, June 12, 2025 • 8:30–9:45 a.m.

8th Grade Celebration Dance

Friday, June 13, 2025 • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Student Transition Day August 25, 2025

Student Transition Day is a new non-instructional full day designed to support students entering kindergarten, Grade 6, and Grade 9, and those new to MCPS schools, by fostering a sense of belonging and preparedness and ensuring that they receive a positive first experience with staff and other students. Schools will share individual messaging to welcome students with their communities. Parents and guardians are asked to [fill out this brief survey](#) to provide additional input for Student Transition Day.

The first day of school for all students is Tuesday, August 26.

[2025-2026 Traditional School Year Calendar](#)



Looking Ahead

May — Asian American Heritage Month,
Jewish American Heritage Month,
Pupil Personnel Worker Month

May 19–22 — Hearing & Vision Screening

May 21–22 — Social Studies Assessment
for 8th Grade Students (see page 2)

Monday, May 19

Mile Challenge, 2:10 p.m.

Wednesday, May 21

Fidos for Freedom during lunches

Monday, May 26 — Memorial Day

Schools and offices closed

Tuesday, May 27

MAP–R (see page 3)

Wednesday, May 28

MAP–M (see page 3)

Friday, May 30

DHS Graduation

Thursday, June 5

Yearbook Distribution — 8th Grade

Friday, June 6 — Professional Day

No school for students

Monday, June 9

Yearbook Distribution — 7th Grade

Locker Clean-Out — 8th Grade

Tuesday, June 10

8th Grade End-of-Year Field Trip

Yearbook Distribution — 6th Grade

PTA 8th Gr. Committee Mtg, 6:00 p.m.

PTA Gen. Membership Mtg, 7:00 p.m.

PTA meetings in-person and on Zoom:

<https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/85601569113?pwd=Fd4X4T4qMIUcFN997gJFXr1QQZG4MT.1>

Mtg ID: 856 0156 9113 Passcode: 908892

Phone: +1 301 715 8592 US

One tap mobile:

+13017158592,,85601569113#,,,908892#US

Wednesday, June 11

Promotion Rehearsal

Thursday, June 12

Promotion Ceremony

7th Grade End-of-Year Field Trip (see p. 4)

Friday, June 13

Early release for students at 12:30 p.m.

8th Grade Celebration Dance

10% Off Lifetouch

Remember to Order This Years Pictures

CODE: S25100FF EXPIRES: 7/31/25

[Redeem Now](#)

SY25 Social Studies 8 Testing Schedule

Day 1 (Wednesday, May 21, 2025) 2 sections x 40 minutes

Bells	GRADE 6	GRADE 7	GRADE 8
8:15- 9:05	Period 3/Announcements	Period 3/Announcements	8:15 - 10:43 Social Studies 8 Testing (Sections 1 & 2)
9:09 - 9:54	Period 2	Period 2	
9:58 - 10:43	Period 1	Period 1	
10:47 - 11:36	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4 - Lunch/Advisory
11:40 - 12:29	Period 5	Period 5 - Lunch Advisory	Period 5
12:33 - 1:22	Period 6 - Lunch/Advisory	Period 6	Period 6
1:26 - 2:11	Period 7	Period 7	Period 7
2:15 - 3:00	Period 8	Period 8	Period 8

Day 2 (Thursday, May 22, 2025) 2 sections x 40 minutes

Bells	GRADE 6	GRADE 7	GRADE 8
8:15- 9:05	Period 8/Announcements	Period 8/Announcements	8:15 - 10:43 Social Studies 8 Testing (Sections 3 & 4)
9:09 - 9:54	Period 7	Period 7	
9:58 - 10:43	Period 1	Period 1	
10:47 - 11:36	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4 - Lunch/Advisory
11:40 - 12:29	Period 5	Period 5 - Lunch Advisory	Period 5
12:33 - 1:22	Period 6 - Lunch/Advisory	Period 6	Period 6
1:26 - 2:11	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3
2:15 - 3:00	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2

****Students will report directly to their Testing Location.**

*****Total testing time includes material handout, collection, and extended time accommodation**

CLASS PERIODS SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

SPRING 2025 MAP Testing Bell Schedule

May 27th & May 28th

Day 1 (Tuesday, May 27, 2025)

Bells	GRADE 6	GRADE 7	GRADE 8
8:15 - 10:11	MAP-R Test Block		
10:15 - 10:48	Period 1/Announcements	Period 1/Announcements	Period 1/Announcements
10:52 - 11:24	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2
11:28 - 12:00	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3
12:04-12:36	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4 - LUNCH
12:40-1:12	Period 5	Period 5 - LUNCH	Period 5
1:16-1:48	Period 6 - LUNCH	Period 6	Period 6
1:52 - 2:24	Period 7	Period 7	Period 7
2:28 - 3:00	Period 8	Period 8	Period 8

Day 2 (Wednesday, May 28, 2025)

Bells	GRADE 6	GRADE 7	GRADE 8
8:15 - 10:11	MAP-M Test Block		
10:15 - 10:48	Period 1/Announcements	Period 1/Announcements	Period 1/Announcements
10:52 - 11:24	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2
11:28 - 12:00	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3
12:04-12:36	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4 - LUNCH
12:40-1:12	Period 5	Period 5 - LUNCH	Period 5
1:16-1:48	Period 6 - LUNCH	Period 6	Period 6
1:52 - 2:24	Period 7	Period 7	Period 7
2:28 - 3:00	Period 8	Period 8	Period 8

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7th Grade 3 Strike Field Trip Policy

Effective April 22nd to June 11th 2025

Purpose of this policy:

The seventh grade teachers would like to ensure a successful end of the year field trip. We would also like to reward students who consistently make good choices. For these reasons, we have created a Field Trip Policy which emphasizes good behavior in the classroom and hallways. Taking students out of the building and into public spaces, we need to ensure that all students are respectful and cooperative to our chaperones and to the staff of the establishment we are attending. We are confident that all students at John T. Baker are capable of earning Field Trip privileges and we want to help them to succeed.

You will not be able to attend Field Trip if you receive three strikes.

The following behaviors will result in a strike:

- Office referral
- Threatening another student
- Cyber Bullying
- Disrespect to adults
- Disruption of classroom instruction
- Refusal to follow directions given by an adult
- Being late three times to any one class
- Being caught using a cell phone

You will be warned verbally before a strike is given and you will be told immediately if you receive a strike. Any staff member in the building may give you a strike. Mr. Cummings will inform you when you have received three strikes.

*****Please note that an office referral is an automatic strike. A referral may take place without a verbal warning if the behavior is severe.**

****** Suspension in school or out will result in an automatic removal from the field trip.**

APPEALS

(An appeal can be written when the student receives his/her third strike).

All appeals must be written to Mr. Cummings and turned in by June 11th. The appeal will then be discussed and reviewed by the 7th grade teachers and administration and a decision will be rendered.

Please note: Once a student becomes ineligible, it becomes the student's responsibility to give written justification for reinstatement privileges. It is important to note however, that a written appeal does not constitute an agreement that the student may attend the field trip.



Stewart Cummings- 7th Grade Team Leader



Sam Levine - Principal

Hello from the PTA!

PTA Dates & Contacts

UPCOMING PTA MEETING DATES:

Tuesday, June 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 Committee –

Baker8thGrade@yahoo.com

Visit our webpage!



Visit our Facebook Page!



Thank you to everyone for their generous donations. Our final Staff Appreciation Week was a huge hit! We were able to provide an appreciation gift to every staff member, a delicious lunch on Thursday, and daily drawings for gift cards & other fun prizes!



Want to become a member?
Scan the QR code to link to our
online membership form!

8th Grade End of Year Activities

- ◆ Adventure Park Field trip – Tuesday, June 10th
- ◆ 8th Grade Promotion – Thursday, June 12th
- ◆ 8th Grade Dance – Friday, June 13th
- ◆ Want to volunteer? Please sign up [here](#) or print & use this [form](#)!

New PTA Board Members are needed!

- ◆ Several of our Executive Board will be returning in 2025-2026 so we're already set up for success!
- ◆ Additional volunteers are needed to fill all vacant positions.
- ◆ Please email BakerPTA@yahoo.com if you may be interested – we're happy to answer any questions!



Want more information? Scan
the QR Code!

Fechas y Contactors de la PTA:

PRÓXIMAS FECHAS DE REUNIONES DE LA PTA:

Martes 10 de junio

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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Hola de la PTA!

Gracias a todos por sus generosas donaciones. ¡Nuestra última Semana de Agradecimiento al Personal fue todo un éxito! Pudimos ofrecer un obsequio de agradecimiento a cada miembro del personal, un delicioso almuerzo el jueves y sorteos diarios de tarjetas de regalo y otros premios divertidos.



¿Quieres ser miembro?

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

Actividades de fin de año de octavo grado

- ◆ Excursión al Parque de Aventuras - Martes 10 de junio
- ◆ Promoción de 8vo grado - Jueves 12 de junio
- ◆ Baile de 8vo grado - Viernes 13 de junio
- ◆ ¿Quieres ser voluntario? ¡Regístrese [AQUÍ](#) o imprima y utilice este [FORMULARIO](#)!

¡Se necesitan miembros para la Junta de PTA!

- ◆ Varios miembros de nuestra Junta Directiva regresarán en 2025-2026, ¡por lo que ya estamos preparados para el éxito!
- ◆ Se necesitan más voluntarios para cubrir todos los puestos vacantes.
- ◆ Si está interesado, envíe un correo electrónico a BakerPTA@yahoo.com. ¡Estaremos encantados de responder cualquier pregunta!



¿Quieres más información? ¡Escanea el código QR!

John T Baker Middle School PTA

8th Grade Promotion and End of Year Activities

Lets Celebrate our Middle School Graduates!

Activities:	End of year events and activities include a DHS Class of 2029 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.
Contributions:	We ask that families contribute \$25 or more for each child.
Volunteers:	We ask that families consider signing up to help with the various events and activities. 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 and return to Baker's main office along with your \$25 contribution. Checks should be made payable to "BAKER PTA" with a note in the memo AND on the envelope: "8th Grade Promotion." Return to: Baker Middle School PTA, 25400 Oak Drive, Damascus, MD 20872.
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 PTA 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

Promotion Ceremony

Class Gift

T-Shirt Distribution

Fundraising

Name: _____


Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

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

PTA de la escuela secundaria John T. Baker

Promoción de 8vo grado y Actividades de fin de año

¡Celebremos a nuestros graduados de secundaria!

Actividades:	Los eventos y actividades de fin de año incluyen una camiseta de DHS Clase 2029 para cada estudiante, la celebración/baile del octavo grado, un obsequio de la clase para la escuela y la ceremonia de promoción del octavo grado el último día de clases.
Contribuciones:	Pedimos que las familias contribuyan con \$25 o más por cada niño.
Voluntarias:	Pedimos que las familias consideren inscribirse para ayudar con los diversos eventos y actividades. Apreciamos tanto sus contribuciones financieras como su tiempo y esfuerzos para ayudar a crear recuerdos maravillosos para nuestros niños. Las reuniones del Comité de 8º grado son de 6 a 7 pm antes de las reuniones de la PTA.
Hacer:	Complete el formulario y devuélvalo a la oficina principal de Baker junto con su contribución de \$25. Los cheques deben hacerse a nombre de "BAKER PTA" con una nota en el memorando Y en el sobre: "8th Grade Promotion". Regrese a: PTA de Baker Middle School, 25400 Oak Drive, Damascus, MD 20872.
Opciones de pago digitales:	Los pagos digitales se pueden realizar a través de PayPal usando @BakerMSPTA o escaneando el siguiente código QR: 

Manténgase conectado para saber cuál es el plan y ver cómo puede ayudar. Envíe sus preguntas por correo electrónico a la PTA a Baker8thGrade@yahoo.com. Estamos muy agradecidos por su apoyo!

El nombre completo de su hijo de octavo grado: _____

¡Háganos saber cómo puede ayudar! Circula uno o más.

promoción de baile/celebración

Ceremonia

Obsequio de clase

Distribución de camisetas

Recaudación de fondos

Nombre: _____

Correo electrónico: _____ Número de teléfono: _____

Adjunte su cheque de \$25 a nombre de Baker PTA y marque en el memorando "Promoción de 8º grado".