

Mr. Levine's Message

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



Last week staff and students enjoyed watching the Flying Cows Basketball team. One of our teachers participated by doing a moo-ving job as Milkshake the mascot.

A reminder that the **the last day of this school year is now Tuesday, June 17. June 13, 16, 17, will be early release days for students.**

Thank you for your support and partnership. Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can be of assistance in any way.

Best,
Sam Levine

Kudos to Baker Music Ensembles!

Congratulations to the Symphonic Orchestra, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Concert Chorus, and Chamber Singers — all received Superior ratings and received First Place in all categories at the Music Showcase adjudication at Hersheypark on May 16. The Concert Chorus and Concert Band also received the Overall High Score award.

Section awards went to:

Low Brass in the Concert Band
Percussion in the Symphonic Band
Violas and Cellos in the Symphonic Orchestra

Soloists awards went to: Ari Eck, Henry Suschak, Hazel Flint, Alyssa Brown, Melody Gasbarre, Jaslyne Solorzano, Mafo Makamte, and Thaerisyn Grossman.

Last Chance to Order a Yearbook!

This year's yearbook has arrived! The yearbook staff 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.



Looking Ahead

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

Monday, May 26 — Memorial Day
Schools and offices closed

Wednesday, May 28
MAP-R (see page 2)

Thursday, May 29
MAP-M (see page 2)

Public Library Partnership during lunches

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)
7th Grade Locker Clean-Out

Friday, June 13
Early release for students at 12:30 p.m.
8th Grade Celebration Dance

Monday, June 16
Early release for students at 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 17
End of Marking Period 4 and Semester 2
Early release for students at 12:30 p.m.

10% Off Lifetouch

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CODE: S25100FF EXPIRES: 7/31/25

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SPRING 2025 MAP Testing Bell Schedule

May 28th & May 29th

Day 1 (Wednesday, May 28, 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 (Thursday, May 29, 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

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

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!



Our last PTA meeting of the school year is Tuesday, 6/10.
We look forward to seeing you there!



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

New PTA Board Members are needed!

- ◆ Vacant positions are Vice President, Fundraising Chair, & Member-at-Large
- ◆ ***These positions need to be filled in order to ensure that the PTA has sufficient volunteers to continue as current Board members “age out” – either by serving 2 consecutive years or as their students move to HS.***
- ◆ Please email BakerPTA@yahoo.com if you may be interested – we’re happy to answer any questions!

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](#)!



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

Visita nuestra página web!



Visit nuestra página de Facebook!



Hola de la PTA!

Nuestra última reunión de la PTA del año escolar es el martes 10 de junio. ¡Esperamos verlos allí!



¿Quieres ser miembro?

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

¡Se necesitan miembros para la Junta de PTA!

- ◆ Los puestos vacantes son vicepresidente, presidente de recaudación de fondos y miembro general.
- ◆ ***Estos puestos deben cubrirse para garantizar que la PTA tenga suficientes voluntarios para continuar a medida que los miembros actuales de la Junta “envejecen”, ya sea cumpliendo 2 años consecutivos o cuando sus estudiantes se mudan a la escuela secundaria.***
- ◆ Si está interesado, envíe un correo electrónico a BakerPTA@yahoo.com. ¡Estaremos encantados de responder cualquier pregunta!

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](#)!



¿Quieres más información? ¡Escanee el código QR!

A Message from the 8th Grade Committee

Dear 8th Grade Parents,

Thank you so much for your generous donations and support of the 8th Grade Committee this year! Your contributions have helped make our events a success, and we truly appreciate all that you've done.

As we approach the final stretch of the school year, we're looking ahead to the last few celebrations and need your help once more. If you're able, please consider donating items or volunteering your time to help us finish the year strong.

We're currently looking for:

- **Volunteers for the 8th Grade Dance on June 13th**
- **Donations of snacks, drinks, and fun items** for students to enjoy during the dance
- **Ice pops, and sharpies** for students to use to sign shifts after the field trip on **June 10th**

You can view and sign up to help here:

➡ [SignUpGenius Link](#)

[Amazon Wish List](#)

The 8th grade team has also asked us to share this [link](#) for parents who are able to donate extra funds for students who need help affording the field trip. Our goal is to ensure every student is able to attend! Thank you for considering helping with this endeavor.

Thank you again for your continued support—we couldn't do this without you!

Warmly,

The 8th Grade Committee

Mensaje del Comité de 8.º Grado

Estimados padres de alumnos de 8.º Grado:

¡Muchas gracias por sus generosas donaciones y apoyo al Comité de 8.º Grado este año! Sus contribuciones han contribuido al éxito de nuestros eventos y agradecemos sinceramente su labor.

Al acercarnos a la recta final del año escolar, esperamos con ansias las últimas celebraciones y necesitamos su ayuda una vez más. Si les es posible, consideren donar artículos o ser voluntarios para ayudarnos a terminar el año con éxito.

Buscamos:

- **Voluntarios para el baile de 8.º grado el 13 de junio**
- **Donaciones de refrigerios, bebidas y artículos divertidos para que los estudiantes disfruten durante el baile**
- **Paletas de hielo y marcadores permanentes para que los estudiantes las usen para firmar camisetas después de la excursión del 10 de junio.**

Puedes ver e inscribirte para ayudar aquí:

➡ [Enlace de SignUpGenius](#)

[Lista de deseos de Amazon](#)

El equipo de 8.º grado también nos ha pedido que compartamos este [enlace](#) con los padres que puedan donar fondos adicionales para los estudiantes que necesiten ayuda para pagar la excursión. Nuestro objetivo es asegurar que todos los estudiantes puedan asistir. Gracias por considerar su ayuda.

Gracias de nuevo por su continuo apoyo; ¡no podríamos lograrlo sin ustedes!

Atentamente,

El Comité de 8.º grado

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".

Montgomery County Public Schools Upcoming Engagement Opportunities

Próximas oportunidades de participación en las Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Montgomery

bit.ly/MCPSBoundaryStudies



Boundary Study for the Opening of Crown High School & Expansion of Damascus High School

Estudio de límites para la apertura de la escuela secundaria Crown y la expansión de la escuela secundaria Damascus

Middle and High Schools included in this Boundary Study Scope:

(Escuelas intermedias y secundarias incluidas en este alcance de estudio de límites)

Churchill HS, Clarksburg HS, Damascus HS, Gaithersburg HS, Northwest HS, Poolesville HS, Quince Orchard HS, Richard Montgomery HS, Seneca Valley HS, Watkins Mill HS, Wootton HS, John T. Baker MS, Cabin John MS, Roberto W. Clemente MS, Forest Oak MS, Robert Frost MS, Gaithersburg MS, Herbert Hoover MS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. MS, Kingsview MS, Lakelands Park MS, Montgomery Village MS, Neelsville MS, John Poole MS, Ridgeview MS, Rocky Hill MS, Hallie Wells MS, and Julius West MS

Virtual/ZOOM* Sessions (Sesiones Virtuales/ZOOM)

Monday, June 2, 2025 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Monday, June 2, 2025 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Monday, June 2, 2025 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Monday, June 2, 2025 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

*See the MCPS boundary studies webpage for the ZOOM Webinar links (Consulte la página web de estudios de límites de MCPS para obtener los enlaces del seminario web de ZOOM)

In-Person Sessions (Sesiones Presenciales)

Tuesday, June 3, 2025 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

@Northwest High School

Tuesday, June 3, 2025 7:30 pm - 7:30 pm

@Northwest High School

Wednesday June 4, 2025 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

@Richard Montgomery High School

Wednesday June 4, 2025 7:30 pm - 7:30 pm

@Richard Montgomery High School

Meeting Agenda (1 Hour, 60 minutes) Orden del día de la reunión (1 hora, 60 minutos)

- Review Process and Board Policy FAA (Proceso de revisión y política de la junta de la FAA)
- Present Initial Options & Highlight Key Themes (Presentar opciones iniciales y resaltar temas clave)
- Navigate Digital Resources for Options (Navegar por los recursos digitales para encontrar opciones)
- Preview Survey for Feedback (Vista previa de la encuesta para comentarios)
- Next Steps (Próximos Pasos)

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Boundary Study for the Reopening of Charles W. Woodward High School Estudio de límites para la reapertura de la escuela secundaria Charles W. Woodward

Middle and High Schools included in this Boundary Study Scope:

(Escuelas intermedias y secundarias incluidas en este alcance de estudio de límites)

Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS, Montgomery Blair HS, Albert Einstein HS, Walter Johnson HS, John F. Kennedy Jr. HS, Northwood HS, Wheaton HS, Walt Whitman HS, Argyle MS, Eastern MS, A. Mario Loiederman MS, Newport Mill MS, North Bethesda MS, Parkland MS, Thomas W. Pyle MS, Odessa Shannon MS, Silver Creek MS, Silver Spring International MS, Sligo MS, Takoma Park MS, Tilden MS, and Westland MS

Virtual/ZOOM* Sessions (Sesiones virtuales/ZOOM)

Tuesday, May 27, 2025 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Tuesday, May 27, 2025 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Tuesday, May 27, 2025 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Tuesday, May 27, 2025 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

*See the MCPS boundary studies webpage for the ZOOM Webinar links (Consulte la página web de estudios de límites de MCPS para obtener los enlaces del seminario web de ZOOM)

In-Person Sessions (Sesiones Presenciales)

Wednesday, May 28, 2025 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
@Wheaton High School
Wednesday, May 28, 2025 7:30 pm - 7:30 pm
@Wheaton High School
Thursday, May 29, 2025 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
@Kennedy High School
Thursday, May 29, 2025 7:30 pm - 7:30 pm
@Kennedy High School

Meeting Agenda (1 Hour, 60 minutes) Orden del día de la reunión (1 hora, 60 minutos)

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