

Dr. Worthington's Message

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Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! We are excited to have all our students and staff back at Baker Middle School ready for an exciting new school year!

A reminder to students and parents/guardians — Baker's instructional day is 8:15 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Students should not enter the building before 7:50 a.m. since there is no staff available to supervise until 7:50 a.m. Students are not to be in the building after school hours unless they are with a teacher or other staff member in an approved activity.

On **September 6** we will have **Town Hall Meetings** conducted by the Admin Team. The meeting will be held in PE and Health classes. The topic is **Understanding the Power of Words**. The link to the presentation will be in the next issue of Paw Prints.

Required Vaccinations for 2023–2024

The Annotated Code of Maryland (10.06.04.03) requires that all Maryland students who are new to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) and those entering Grade 7, provide documentation of required vaccinations or a medical or religious exemption. This documentation is required within the first 20 days of school.

Important Dates

- **Monday, August 28, 2023:** Students must provide documentation of required vaccinations unless parents/guardians provide documentation of an exemption. Students who have not received their vaccinations may enter school if they provide evidence of an appointment to be vaccinated by Monday, September 25, 2023.
- **Monday, September 18, 2023:** Students who have not provided documentation of the required vaccinations must be excluded from school until such documentation is provided.

Additional Information

- [2023-2024 Vaccination Requirements](#)
- Immunization Clinic Schedule for Families: [August](#) and [September](#)

Please see Part 2 of the Summer Mailing for more details.

Notification of Rights Under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA)

This notice informs parents/guardians ... of their rights regarding conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. These rights are spelled out in the *Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment* (20 U.S.C. § 1232h; 34 CFR Part 98). The laws and regulations require educational institutions, such as Montgomery County Public School (MCPS) to notify parent/guardians ... of their rights. Additional details regarding the PPRA, as well as MCPS Form 281-13 *Annual Notice for Directory Information and Student Privacy* can be found in Part 2 of the Summer Mailing. A Request to Withhold Directory Information can also be



Looking Ahead

Monday, August 28

First day of school for students
Students start the day in Homeroom
Marking Period 1 and Semester 1 begin

Tuesday, August 29

Students start the day in Homeroom

Wednesday, August 30

Regular Bell Schedule

Thursday, August 31

Regular Bell Schedule

Friday, September 1

Regular Bell Schedule

Monday, September 4

Labor Day — schools and offices closed

Wednesday, September 6

Town Hall Meetings for students
through PE and Health classes

September 11–15

Scholastic Book Fair — Evening hours on
Tuesday during Back-to-School Night

Monday, September 11

Flag-Raising Ceremony

Tuesday, September 12

Baker Back-to-School Night
PTA Intro Meeting during BTSN

Friday, September 15

Back-to-School Dance, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

September 15–October 15

Hispanic-Latino Heritage Month

Wednesday, September 20

Family Life Night

Friday, September 22

6th Grade Mini Outdoor Ed Day
7th Grade Cedar Ridge Team Building Day
8th Grade Career Day
Early Release Day for Students —
Baker dismisses at 12:30 p.m.

Monday, September 25

No school for students and staff

Tuesday, September 26

Lifetouch Fall Picture Day

September 27–28

MAP–M and MAP–R Assessments



SEE Something → SAY Something
Maryland Safe School Hotline Number
1-833-MD-B-SAFE / 1-833-632-7233

BAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLOTHING

ROPA DE EDUCACIÓN FÍSICA DE BAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL



Option 1: Baker Uniform (see above)

Staff will write student's first and last name on clothing.

[See Cisco flyer to order!](#)

1. Go to www.shopciscoathletic.com between August 26 and September 6
2. Pick the Baker store
3. Click on the items you want
4. Where it says player name — please enter your child's name. The name will not be printed on the items, this is only for identification purposes when distributing the items.

Option 2: Bring from home

Solid gray t-shirt (not white; small logos allowed)

Staff will write student's first and last name on clothing

Solid navy blue shorts (not black, not striped, small logos allowed)

Sweatpants and sweatshirts with no zippers (any solid color)

Opción 1: Uniforme de Baker (véase más arriba)

El personal escribirá el nombre y apellido del estudiante en la ropa.

[¡Vea el folleto de Cisco para ordenar!](#)

1. Visita www.shopciscoathletic.com entre el 26 de agosto y el 6 de septiembre
2. Elige la tienda Baker
3. Haga clic en los elementos que desee
4. Donde dice nombre del jugador, ingrese el nombre de su hijo. El nombre no se imprimirá en los artículos, esto es solo para fines de identificación al distribuir los artículos.

Opción 2: Traer de casa

Camiseta gris sólida (no blanca; se permiten logotipos pequeños)

El personal escribirá el nombre y apellido del estudiante en la ropa

Pantalones cortos azul marino sólido (no negros, no rayados, se permiten logotipos pequeños)

Pantalones deportivos y sudaderas sin cremalleras (cualquier color sólido)



Go to www.shopciscoathletic.com to order. Click on "Select a School" and proceed.
Vaya a www.shopciscoathletic.com para ordenar. Haga clic en "Seleccionar una escuela" y continúe.

ORDER YOUR BAKER APPAREL ONLINE

We have teamed up with Cisco to offer top-quality customized team sportswear at below retail prices. All of the products will be offered with expertly applied screen printing, embroidery, and/or tacketwill.

**YOU WILL SEE A CREDIT CARD CHARGE FROM CISCO
AFTER ORDERING**

This [online](#) offer has a:
Start date of August 25, 2023 and
End date of September 5, 2023



ORDENE SU ROPA BAKER EN LÍNEA

Nos hemos asociado con Cisco para ofrecer ropa deportiva de equipo personalizada de alta calidad por debajo de los precios minoristas. Todos los productos se ofrecerán con serigrafía, bordado y/o sarga de aparejos aplicados por expertos.

**VERÁ UN CARGO EN LA TARJETA DE CRÉDITO DE CISCO
DESPUÉS DE REALIZAR EL PEDIDO**

Esta oferta [en línea](#) tiene un:
Fecha de inicio del 25 de agosto de 2023 y
Fecha de finalización del 5 de septiembre de 2023





MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2023–2024 CAFETERIA NEWS & MEALS INFORMATION

Children need healthy meals to learn. The Division of Food and Nutrition Services serves more than 21 million meals annually. We support healthy meal options for students and continually explore new ways to enhance the nutritional contribution and student acceptability of meals.

Parents/guardians are responsible for school cafeteria account balances incurred by their student(s). Payment is expected, in cash or through prepayment to the student’s school cafeteria account, at the point of sale at the time of purchase, or through an online prepayment system at any time. The cafeteria continues to offer the convenience and flexibility of a computerized cash register system. Depositing funds into a cafeteria account eliminates the need for a child to carry money every day. **All Students now use their MCPS Student Identification Number to access their account** (Schools may also utilize barcodes on student ID cards or elementary meal cards which may be scanned at the register). Any money left on a student’s account from the prior school year is available for spending. Pre-payments to a student’s account may be made prior to the start of school.

To make a prepayment:

- Use [MySchoolBucks.com](https://www.myschoolbucks.com), an online service to make a prepayment using a credit card. Parents can also check meal account balances, sign up for recurring payments and much more. Go to [MySchoolBucks.com](https://www.myschoolbucks.com) to register.
- Complete the form below and include a check or money order payable to the cafeteria. See check acceptance policy below.

To request a refund or a balance transfer for a student no longer enrolled in MCPS, email DFNSHelpDesk@mcpsmd.org

Check Acceptance Policy: Checks used to pay for meals must contain: name, address, phone number and student ID number. Returned checks are subject to recovery for the face value and Maryland State allowed fee of \$25 through an electronic debit or paper draft to the same account. Your payment by check constitutes your acceptance of these terms. If you have any questions concerning our check acceptance policy, please call CHECKredi at 1-800-239-1222.

MCPS Meals Policy

Policy JPH: Food and Nutrition Services Program outlines programs and efforts to address childhood hunger in Montgomery County, meal payment procedures, and the repayment of negative balances incurred by students in the cafeteria. For more information please visit our website.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

MEAL PRICES

- **Breakfast Meal \$1.30**
- **Elementary School Lunch Meal \$2.55**
- **Middle and High School Lunch Meal \$2.80**

Children in Maryland that are approved for reduced-price meals will not be charged the cost of meals.

A LA CARTE FOODS AND BEVERAGES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN ADDITION TO BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

A variety of a la carte items may be available in your student’s school cafeteria. All items available for sale follow *JPG-RA. Wellness: Physical and Nutritional Health*. Specific items vary at each school. For specific information regarding items available at your child’s school or to restrict the purchase of a la carte items, please contact your school cafeteria manager.

FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEAL APPLICATIONS

Families who meet certain federal income standards are eligible for free or reduced-price meal benefits. All children use their student ID number so confidentiality is maintained and no child is overtly identified as receiving free or reduced-price meals. Households are encouraged to **apply online at [MySchoolApps.com](https://www.myschoolapps.com) as processing times are significantly decreased.** A paper application may also be requested from your child’s school. Only one application is needed for all students in a household. A new application must be completed annually.

PLEASE VISIT THESE LINKS FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/food-and-nutrition (View menus, nutritional info and more)
- [www.MySchoolBucks.com](https://www.myschoolbucks.com) (make prepayments to meal accounts, view account balances and transaction history)
- [www.MySchoolApps.com](https://www.myschoolapps.com) (apply for Free or Reduced-price Meals (FARMS))
- **Call 1-800-332-6347 or visit <https://dhs.maryland.gov/>** (Info on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA), Women, Infant, and Children Program (WIC), and medical programs)

PREPAYMENT FORM

Please make the check payable to your child’s school cafeteria (example: Arcola Elementary Cafeteria). Checks used to pay for school meals must contain an address and phone number. Please put your child’s first name, last name and Student ID number on the front of the check. This check is for cafeteria purchases ONLY. Please list each student separately and bring payment to the cafeteria manager. Thank You!

Student Name _____ ID Number _____ Amount \$ _____

Student Name _____ ID Number _____ Amount \$ _____

Student Name _____ ID Number _____ Amount \$ _____

Parent’s/Guardian’s Name _____ Phone Number _____

SchoolCash Online:

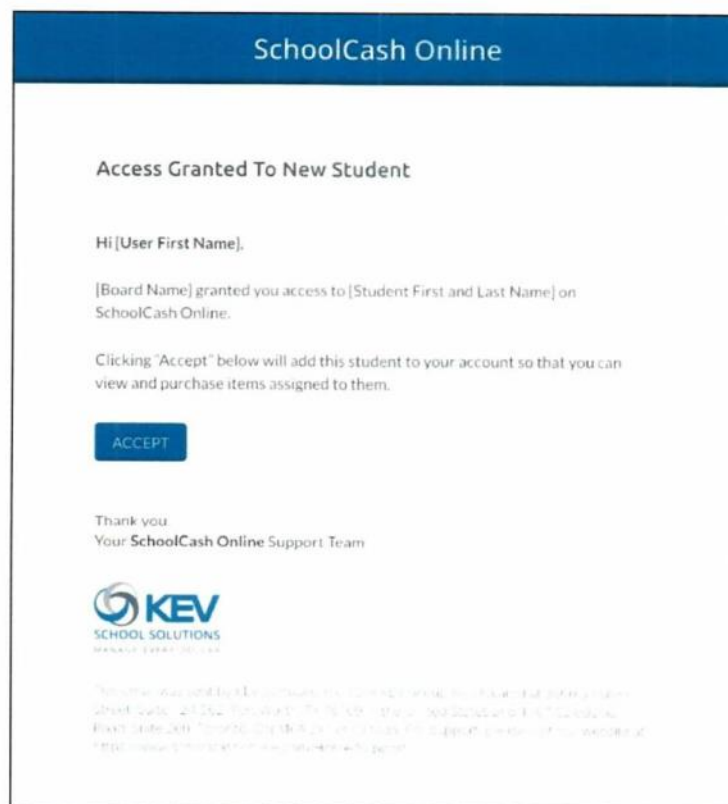
Subscription Process for Guardians

SchoolCash Online: Subscription Process for Guardian

KEV is outlining the subscription process for guardians highlighting the features. KEV's goal is to make subscription process simple and efficient for guardians.

What to expect when you are a Subscribed Guardian

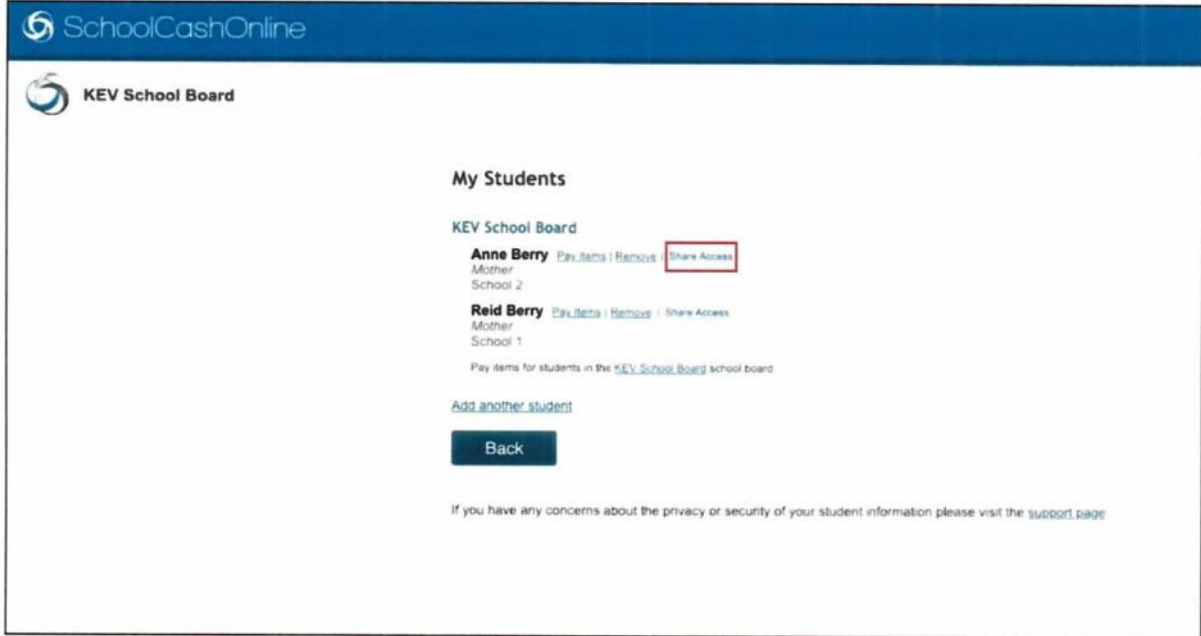
- SchoolCash Online will email an invitation on behalf of the district to each guardian email address to accept adding the student to their account. The guardian only needs to click "Accept" to add them.
- NOTE: An unregistered guardian (does not have SchoolCash Online account) will be addressed by the email address instead of their first name in the invitation email.



- Subscribed guardians can share and manage their students' access with known guardians.

How to manage student access in SchoolCash Online

- Managing access enables subscribed guardians to share access with known guardians who did not receive an invitation from SchoolCash Online.
- Additionally, it enables subscribed guardians to stop sharing access with other guardians that should not have access to a student. This is helpful in scenarios where the legal access to a student is limited to one parent.
- To share access, click on the “Share Access” link.

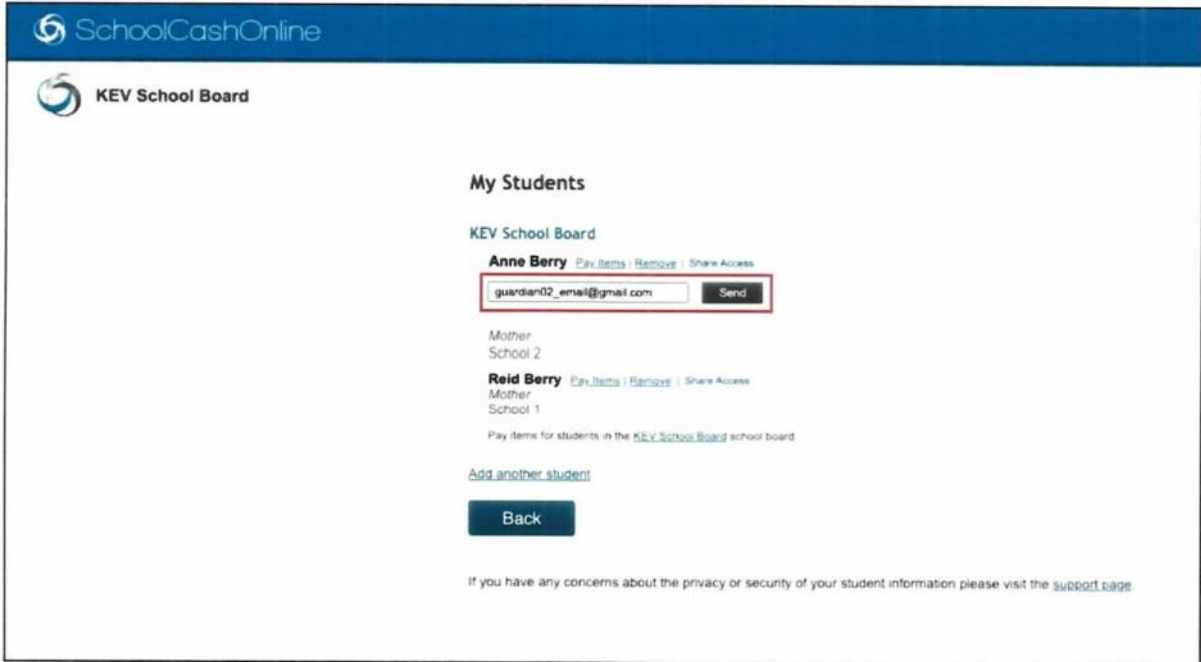


The screenshot shows the SchoolCash Online interface. At the top, there is a blue header with the SchoolCashOnline logo. Below that, the KEV School Board logo is visible. The main content area is titled "My Students" and lists two students under the KEV School Board:

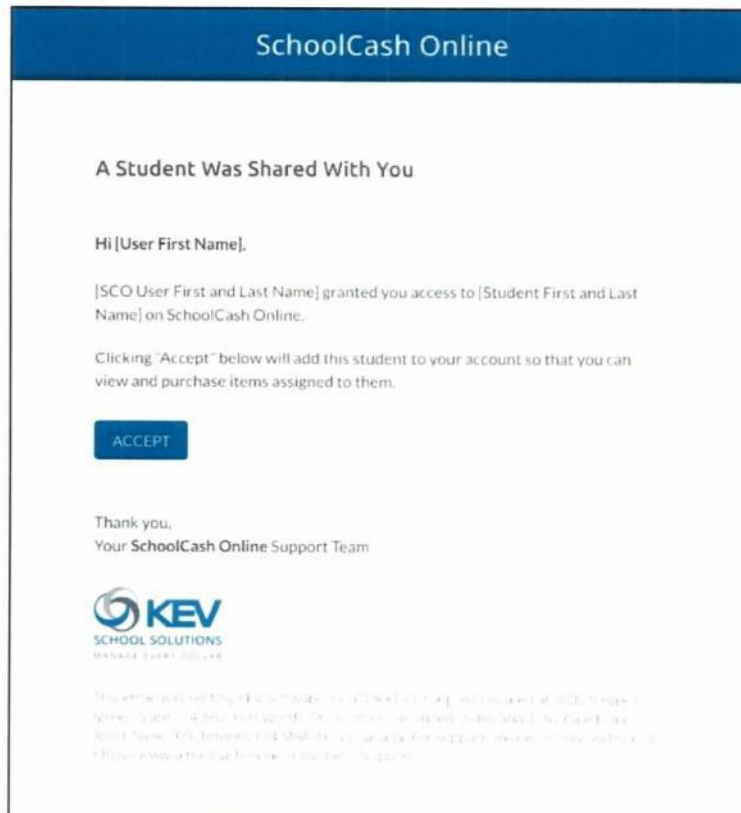
- Anne Berry** (Mother, School 2) with links for [Pay Items](#), [Receipts](#), and a highlighted [Share Access](#) button.
- Reid Berry** (Mother, School 1) with links for [Pay Items](#), [Receipts](#), and [Share Access](#).

Below the student list, there is a link for [Add another student](#) and a [Back](#) button. At the bottom, a note states: "If you have any concerns about the privacy or security of your student information please visit the [support page](#)".

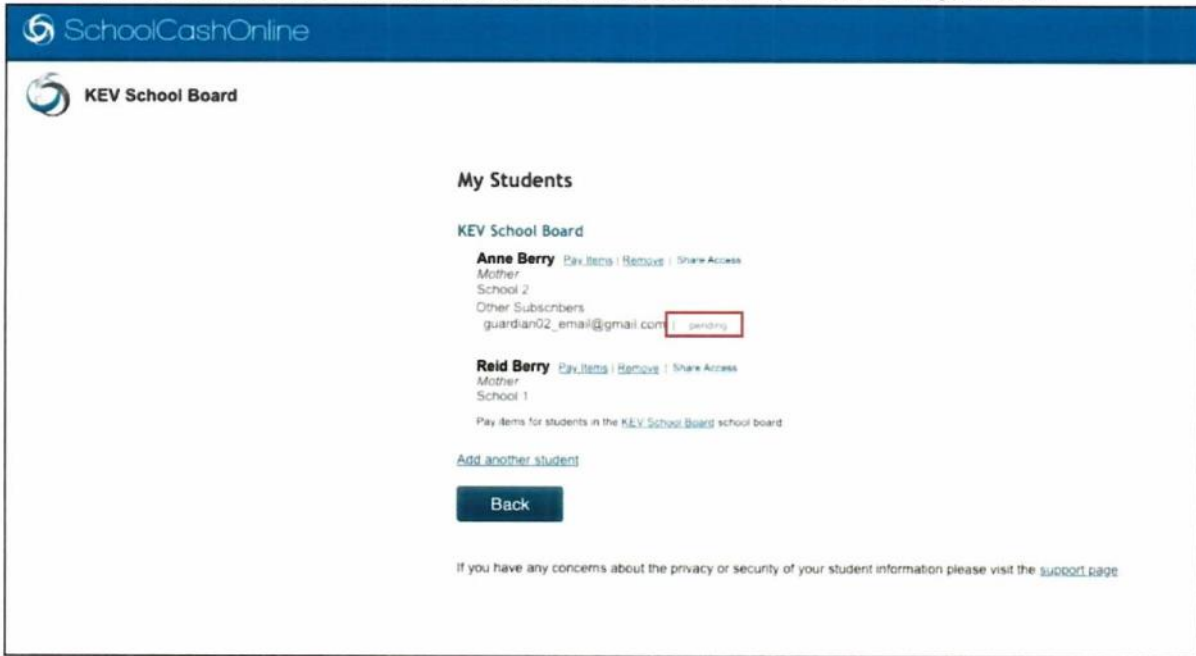
- Type the email address you want to share access with and click "Send"



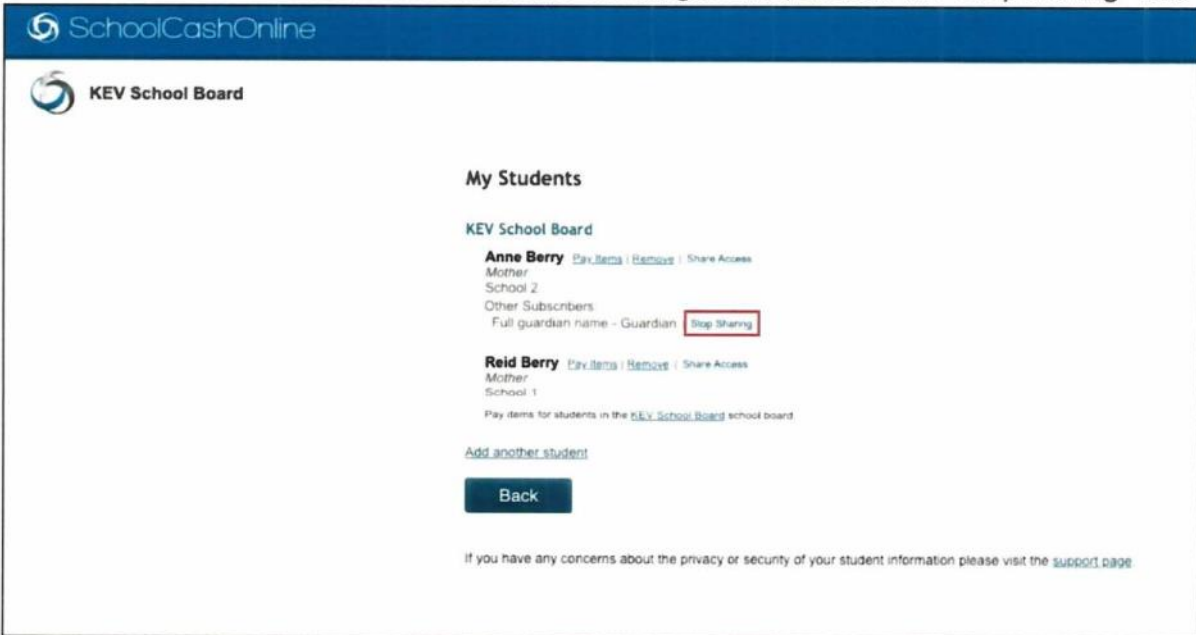
- An email invitation is sent to the known guardian to accept adding the student to their account.



- The invitation will remain pending until it is accepted by the known guardian.



- To unsubscribe a student from another known guardian, click on the “Stop Sharing” link.



** All pictures shown are for illustration purpose only. Actual product may vary due to product enhancements.*



Hello from the PTA!

HELLO, BAKER FAMILIES —

Welcome to the new 2023-2024 School Year! The Baker PTA Board is excited to welcome all Bulldog families to another great school year, while serving the community, assisting our teachers, and supporting our students, as we go through another milestone with your children.

The PTA Board’s mission is to make every child’s potential a reality by empowering families, teachers, and communities to advocate for all children. By joining our membership, you will empower and enrich our community by providing valuable insight on the needs of our children, and improve PTA presence during pivotal moments of our children's growth. Additionally, we will ensure that all of our students are provided great opportunities to further their SSL achievements, starting with our Back to School night. More info to come!

We hope to see you at the **Baker Back to School Night**, taking place on September 12, 2023, and ask that each and every one of you join us as we start this new adventure!


Jaimie Ninan, *President*

Rachel Sessions, *Vice President/8th Grade Committee Chair*

Suzie Thompson, *Secretary*

Danny Davis, *Treasurer*

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Please mark your calendar with these important PTA activity dates for the 2023-2024 school year. More dates will be added as new activities are planned:

Wednesday, August 23, 2023

**PTA hosting Staff Welcome Back Breakfast
7:30–8:30 a.m.**

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

**Back-to-School Night and
first PTA meeting (in-person) 6:00–6:30 p.m.**

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

**8th Grade Committee Meeting 6:00–7:00 p.m.
PTA Meeting (Zoom) 7:00–8:00 p.m.**

Monday, November 13, 2023

**8th Grade Committee Meeting 6:00–7:00 p.m.
PTA Meeting (Zoom) 7:00–8:00 p.m.**

Thursday, December 14, 2023

Staff Appreciation Meal hosted by the PTA

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

**8th Grade Committee Meeting 6:00–7:00 p.m.
PTA Meeting (in-person) 7:00–8:00 p.m.**

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

**8th Grade Committee Meeting 6:00–7:00 p.m.
PTA Meeting 7:00–8:00 p.m.**

Thursday, April 11, 2024

**8th Grade Committee Meeting 6:00–7:00 p.m.
PTA Meeting 7:00–8:00 p.m.
Nominations for new Board 2023-2024**

May 6–10, 2024

**Staff Appreciation Week
(donations & volunteers needed)**

Thursday, May 16, 2024

**8th Grade Committee Meeting 6:00–7:00 p.m.
PTA Meeting 7:00–8:00 p.m.**

Thursday, June 6, 2024

Staff Appreciation (donations & volunteers needed)

JOIN THE BAKER PTA!

Support staff appreciation, student events, 8th grade promotion, student SSL activities, and more! We encourage all Parents/Guardians, Students, and Faculty/Staff to join the PTA. This year, students who participate in PTA activities will have the opportunity to earn SSL hours.



Membership Types:

Family — \$30

Parent/Guardian — \$15

Student — \$10

Faculty/Staff — \$10

Community — \$15

To join the PTA, visit <http://bit.ly/46Z2zJs> or scan this QR code:





¡Hola de la PTA!

HOLA, FAMILIAS BAKER —

¡Bienvenidos al nuevo año escolar 2023-2024! La Junta de la PTA de Baker se complace en dar la bienvenida a todas las familias Bulldog a otro gran año escolar, mientras sirve a la comunidad, ayuda a nuestros maestros y apoya a nuestros estudiantes, a medida que avanzamos en otro hito con sus hijos.

La misión de la Junta de la PTA es hacer realidad el potencial de cada niño al empoderar a las familias, los maestros y las comunidades para que aboguen por todos los niños. Al unirse a nuestra membresía, empoderará y enriquecerá a nuestra comunidad al proporcionar información valiosa sobre las necesidades de nuestros niños y mejorará la presencia de la PTA durante los momentos cruciales del crecimiento de nuestros niños. Además, nos aseguraremos de que todos nuestros estudiantes tengan grandes oportunidades para promover sus logros de SSL, comenzando con nuestra noche de regreso a clases. Más información por venir!

¡Esperamos verlos en Baker Back to School Night, que tendrá lugar el 12 de septiembre de 2023, y les pedimos que todos y cada uno de ustedes se unan a nosotros para comenzar esta nueva aventura!

Jaime Ninan, presidentes

Rachel Sessions, vicepresidenta/presidenta del comité de octavo grado

Suzie Thompson, secretaria

Danny Davis, tesorero

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¡ÚNASE A LA PTA DE BAKER!

¡Apoye la apreciación del personal, los eventos estudiantiles, la promoción de 8.º grado, las actividades SSL de los estudiantes y más! Alentamos a todos los padres/tutores, estudiantes y profesores/personal a unirse a la PTA. Este año, los estudiantes que participen en las actividades de la PTA tendrán la oportunidad de obtener horas de SSL.



Para unirse a la PTA, visita <http://bit.ly/46Z2zJs> o escanea este código QR:

Tipos de membresía:

Familia — \$30

Padre/Tutor — \$15

Estudiante — \$10

Profesorado/Personal — \$10

Comunidad — \$15



Por favor marque su calendario con estos importantes fechas de actividad de la PTA para el año escolar 2023-2024. Se agregarán más fechas a medida que se planifiquen nuevas actividades:

miércoles, 23 de agosto de 2023

Personal anfitrión de la PTA Desayuno de bienvenida
7:30–8:30 a. m.

martes, 12 de septiembre de 2023

Noche de Regreso a Clases y
primera reunión de la PTA (en persona) 6:00–6:30 p. m.

martes, 10 de octubre de 2023

Reunión del comité de octavo grado 6:00–7:00 p.m.
Reunión de la PTA (Zoom) 7:00–8:00 p. m.

lunes, 13 de noviembre de 2023

Reunión del comité de octavo grado 6:00–7:00 p.m.
Reunión de la PTA (Zoom) 7:00–8:00 p. m.

jueves, 14 de diciembre de 2023

Comida de agradecimiento al personal
organizada por la PTA

martes, 13 de febrero de 2024

Reunión del comité de octavo grado 6:00–7:00 p.m.
Reunión de la PTA (en persona) 7:00–8:00 p. m.

martes, 12 de marzo de 2024

Reunión del comité de octavo grado 6:00–7:00 p.m.
Reunión de la PTA 7:00–8:00 p. m.

jueves, 11 de abril de 2024

Reunión del comité de octavo grado 6:00–7:00 p.m.
Reunión de la PTA 7:00–8:00 p. m.
Nominaciones para nueva Junta 2023-2024

6 al 10 de mayo de 2024

Semana de agradecimiento al personal
(se necesitan donaciones y voluntarios)

jueves, 16 de mayo de 2024

Reunión del comité de octavo grado 6:00–7:00 p.m.
Reunión de la PTA 7:00–8:00 p. m.

jueves, 6 de junio de 2024

Apreciación del personal
(se necesitan donaciones y voluntarios)