

## Dr. Worthington's Message

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Please join us for Baker's Annual Flag-Raising Ceremony on **Monday, September 11, 2023**. We will hold two identical assemblies to accommodate all our students and guests from the Baker Community. Assemblies will be held outside, rain or shine, so please come prepared for possible inclement weather.

### Assembly 1 starts at 8:45 a.m. — Period 1 classes attending:

Ms. Abbott, Ms. Alvarado, Mr. Bozicevich, Ms. Bright, Mr. Ciccarello, Mr. Cole, Mr. Conner, Ms. Fell, Mr. Frye, Ms. Frye, Ms. Hardy, Mr. Kenst, Mr. Maddox, Ms. Mann, Ms. Pressel, Mr. Ruocco, Mr. Stanford, Ms. Woodward

### Assembly 1 starts at 8:45 a.m. — Period 1 classes attending:

Ms. Bliven, Ms. Ciccarello, Ms. Cummings, Ms. DiMisa, Ms. Dupré, Mr. Fisher, Ms. Gawlinski, Ms. Henry, Ms. Hershey, Mr. Hostler, Ms. Laraia, Ms. Lechlinder, Ms. Moxley, Ms. Nichols, Ms. Pennington, Ms. Peters, Mr. Rose, Mr. Smith, Mr. Sprinkle, Mr. Walker, Mr. White, Ms. Wyant, Student Aides, Students at DHS for Period 1

### 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, 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: [September](#)

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

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

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 submitted in ParentVUE while updating students information.

### SGA News

Want to build or practice your leadership skills, plus earn SSL hours? Apply to become a part of this year's student government association (SGA). In order to receive application materials and information, all candidates must attend a SGA interest meeting either on Tuesday, September 19 or Tuesday, September 26, in Ms. Blankenship's room #233.



## Looking Ahead

### September 11–15

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

### Monday, September 11

Flag-Raising Ceremony

### Tuesday, September 12 — Activity Buses

Cross Country and Softball tryouts  
3:15–4:30 p.m.

Baker Back-to-School Night

PTA Intro Meeting during BTSN

### Wed., September 13 — Activity Buses

Cross Country and Softball tryouts  
3:15–4:30 p.m.

### Thursday, September 14 — Activity Buses

Cross Country and Softball tryouts  
3:15–4:30 p.m.

### Friday, September 15

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

### September 15-October 15

Hispanic-Latino Heritage Month

### Wed., September 20 — Activity Buses

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 — Activity Buses

Lifetouch Fall Picture Day  
Cross Country vs. Clemente — Home  
Softball vs. Clemente — Boys Away/  
Girls Home

### Wed., September 27 — Activity Buses

MAP-M assessment in the morning  
Outdoor Ed Parent Information Meeting

### Thursday, September 28 — Activity Buses

MAP-R assessment in the morning

### Friday, September 29

Due date for submitting verification of SSL hours earned during the summer

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



## **Baker MS Back-to-School Night Tuesday, September 12, 2023**

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

6:00-6:30 p.m. — After-School Activities Fair — Cafeteria

6:00-8:30 p.m. — Scholastic Book Fair — Media Center

6:00-6:30 p.m.

Accelerated and Enriched Programs and Instruction — Room 205

ESOL Programs Information — Room 201

Junior Achievement 7th Grade Finance Park Meeting — Room 132

ParentVUE Workshop — Room 225

PTA General Membership Meeting — Rooms 227 and 229

6:45-8:22 p.m. — Baker Middle School Welcome and Classroom Visits

## **Baker MS Noche de Regreso a la Escuela martes, 12 de septiembre de 2023**

5:30-8:30 — Kona-Ice Truck — frente a la escuela

6:00-6:30 p.m. — Feria de actividades extraescolares — Cafetería

6:00-8:30 p.m. — Feria del Libro Scholastic — Centro de Medios

6:00-6:30 p.m.

Instrucción y programas acelerados y enriquecidos — Sala 205

Información sobre los programas de ESOL — Sala 201

Reunión del parque de finanzas de 7° grado de Junior Achievement — Sala 132

Taller ParentVUE — Sala 225

Reunión general de miembros de la PTA — Salas 227 y 229

6:45-8:22 p.m. — Bienvenida y visitas a los salas de clase de Baker MS





Baker Middle School

# Back-to-School Dance

Friday, September 15, 2023

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

Tickets may be purchased only online at SchoolCash Online <https://mcpsmd.schoolcashionline.com/> through 1:20 p.m. on Wednesday, September 13, 2023.

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

Students must have their own transportation home after the dance at 5:00 p.m. Students picked up more than 15 minutes after the end of the dance will not be permitted to participate in any dances for the remainder of the school year.

Pizza, soda, juice, water, and candy 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.

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## BACK-TO-SCHOOL DANCE PERMISSION SLIP

Students: You must turn in this completed and signed form

**AND** a payment receipt from SchoolCash Online (<https://mcpsmd.schoolcashionline.com/>) to your Advisory teacher by 1:20 p.m on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, in order to attend the dance.

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number where parent can be reached during the dance: \_\_\_\_\_

My child has permission to attend the Baker Middle School Dance on Friday, September 15, 2023 from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

My child and I agree to the following expectations:

1. **Tickets to the dance will only be available through SchoolCash Online. 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. Students picked up more than 15 minutes after the end of the dance will not be permitted to participate in any dances for the remainder of the school year.
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 of a Baker student and wish to chaperone at the dance. Please leave a phone number where you may be reached. You will be called back to confirm your attendance at the dance.

Please remember that Baker dances are for Baker students only. It is not appropriate to bring along siblings that do not attend Baker Middle School.

Prior to arriving at the dance, please review the school student discipline policy and behavior expectations as posted in the Student Planner & Family Handbook.

## ARRIVAL AT THE DANCE

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 (*see the Student Planner & Family Handbook*) 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. This applies to adults as well as students.

## 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!**



# YOU'RE INVITED!

## BAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA MEETING

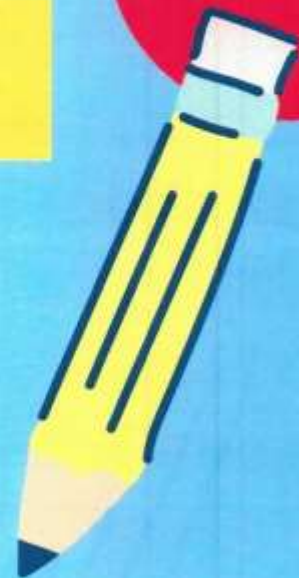
**When:** Back-to-School Night  
September 12, 2023  
6:00 PM - 6:30 PM

**Where:** Baker Middle School Room 227-229

**Who:** Parents/Guardians, Teachers, & Students

The PTA invites all Bulldog families to learn more about the Baker PTA, ways to get involved, and activities we are planning for the school year. This year we are focusing on community building - come be a part of our amazing community!

Scan the code below to  
join the Baker PTA:



**JOHN T.  
BAKER  
MIDDLE  
SCHOOL  
PTA  
SPIRIT  
NIGHT**

**WEDNESDAY  
SEPTEMBER  
20, 2023  
ALL DAY (HOURS  
11:30 AM - 9:00 PM)**

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PROMO CODE SECTION.**



**Email: BakerPTA@yahoo.com**



**JohnTBakerMiddleSchoolPTA**

# The Pathway to College, Career and Community Readiness



**MCPS created a new guide to help families, students and teachers work together to ensure student success.**

The Pathway to College, Career and Community Readiness helps identify students' strengths and areas of improvement to ensure each student receives the support they need.

Here's how it works:

- » The milestones described below will be used to address any learning gaps before students transition to a new grade level, college or the workforce.
- » Parents will receive information about whether their child is meeting or not meeting these specific benchmarks.
- » School staff, students and families will meet together to decide the best way to help the student succeed.
- » In addition to academic benchmarks, schools will also provide opportunities for students to cultivate core competencies and skills to prepare them for life after high school.

*(See glossary for more details on assessments mentioned in this document)*

Grade 12  
**GRADUATE WITH 3.0  
OR HIGHER GPA**

Earn a Certificate of Program Completion/  
Industry-recognized Credential

7

Grade 9

**ON TRACK FOR  
GRADUATION**

4

Grade 3

**READING BY  
GRADE 3**

3

Kindergarten

**EARLY  
LITERACY  
SKILLS**

6

Grade 11

**COMPLETE  
& PASS  
ALGEBRA II**

5

Grade 10

**MEET COLLEGE &  
CAREER READINESS  
STANDARD**

In the Blueprint for Maryland's future



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## Middle School

### GRADES 6, 7, AND 8

### MILESTONE: PROFICIENT IN MATH AND ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS

| Why is this important?  | How is this measured?   | What questions can you ask your teacher?  |
|---|---|---|
| In middle school, students extend the skills they learned in elementary school. The focus is to examine the breadth and depth of their knowledge and skills in literacy and mathematics to ensure students are prepared for high school level work. | In grades 6, 7, and 8, students take tests in Math and Reading called the <i>Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP)</i> test. The tests are given in the Spring. Students should score a 3 or higher. | <p>What specific literacy and math skills are expected of my child at their current grade level?</p> <p>What extra support does the school offer?</p> <p>How can I support my child's literacy and math development at home to ensure they meet or exceed the state standards?</p> <p>What strategies are used to help my child meet the state literacy and math standards?</p> |

## ASSESSMENTS GLOSSARY

**MAP-R** - Measures of Academic Progress-Reading (MAP-R) provides an assessment of a student's skill level in the different reading achievement areas. These multiple assessments allow educators to measure academic growth in reading over time.

**Lexile** - Lexile is a scientifically-based Framework for Reading. The measures give a more precise measure of reading comprehension. A Lexile Reader Measure, used by MCPS, represents a student's reading ability on the Lexile scale.

**Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP)** - The new MCAP tests are designed to assess students on mastery of Maryland's College and Career Readiness standards to ensure that all students are progressing and receiving the necessary support for remediation and enrichment.



# El Camino a la preparación universitaria, profesional y comunitaria



**MCPS creó una nueva guía para ayudar a las familias, los estudiantes y los maestros a trabajar juntos para asegurar el éxito estudiantil.**

El Camino a la preparación universitaria, profesional y comunitaria ayuda a identificar las fortalezas de los estudiantes y las áreas de mejoras para asegurar que cada estudiante reciba el apoyo que necesita.

Funciona de la siguiente manera:

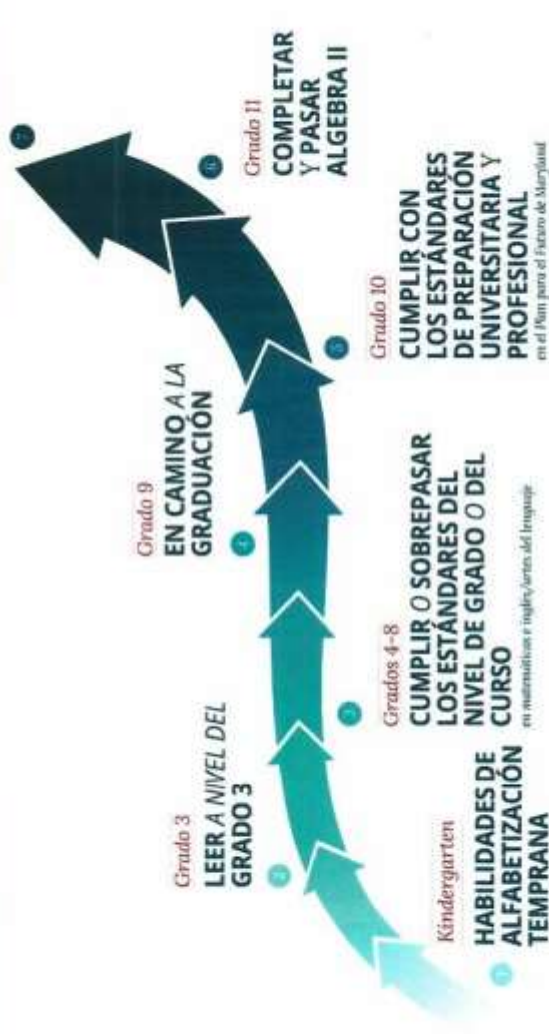
- » Los hitos/indicadores que se describen a continuación se utilizarán para abordar cualquier brecha de aprendizaje antes de que los estudiantes hagan la transición a un nuevo nivel de grado, universidad o fuerza laboral.
- » Los padres recibirán información sobre si su hijo(a) está cumpliendo o no con estos puntos de referencia específicos.
- » El personal de la escuela, los estudiantes y las familias se reunirán para decidir la mejor manera de ayudar al estudiante a tener éxito.
- » Además de los puntos de referencia académicos, las escuelas proporcionarán oportunidades para que los estudiantes cultiven las competencias y habilidades fundamentales para prepararlos a la vida después de la secundaria.

(Vea el glosario para más detalles sobre las evaluaciones mencionadas en este documento)



**CAMINO A LA PREPARACIÓN UNIVERSITARIA, PROFESIONAL y COMUNITARIA**

**Grado 12  
GRADUARSE CON UN PROMEDIO DE 3.0 O MÁS**  
Obtener un Certificado de Cumplimiento del Programa/ Credencial reconocida por la industria



## Escuela intermedia

### GRADOS 6, 7, Y 8

### HITO/INDICADOR DOMINIO EN LAS MATEMÁTICAS Y EL INGLÉS/ARTES DEL LENGUAJE

| ¿Por qué es importante esto?   | ¿Cómo se mide?  | ¿Qué preguntas le puede hacer a su maestro?  |
|--|---|--|
| <p>En la escuela intermedia, los estudiantes extienden las habilidades que aprendieron en la escuela elemental. El enfoque es de examinar la amplitud y la profundidad de sus conocimientos y habilidades en la lectura y en las matemáticas para asegurar que los estudiantes estén preparados para trabajo de nivel de secundaria.</p> | <p>En los grados 6, 7 y 8, los estudiantes toman unos exámenes de matemáticas y de lectura llamados el examen del <i>Programa de Evaluación Integral de Maryland (MCAP, por sus siglas en inglés)</i>. Los exámenes se realizan en la primavera. Los estudiantes deben sacar un puntaje de 3 o más.</p> | <p>¿Qué habilidades específicas de las matemáticas y de la lectura se esperan de mi hijo(a) en su nivel de grado actual?</p> <p>¿Qué apoyo adicional ofrece la escuela?</p> <p>¿Cómo puedo apoyar el desarrollo de las matemáticas y de la lectura de mi hijo(a) en casa para asegurar que cumplan o superen los estándares del estado?</p> <p>¿Qué estrategias usan para ayudar a mi hijo(a) cumplir con los estándares de matemáticas y de lectura del estado?</p> |

## GLOSARIO DE EVALUACIONES

**MAP-R** - Las Medidas de Progreso Académico-Lectura (MAP-R, por sus siglas en inglés) proporcionan una evaluación de las habilidades del estudiante en las diferentes áreas de logros en la lectura. Estas evaluaciones múltiples permiten a los educadores medir el crecimiento académico en lectura a lo largo del tiempo.

**Lexile**- Lexile en un Marco para la Lectura con base científica. Las medidas dan una medida más precisa de la comprensión de la lectura. Una Medida Lexile del Lector, que es lo que usa MCPs, representa la habilidad de lectura del estudiante en una escala Lexile.

**El Programa de Evaluación Integral de Maryland (MCAP, por sus siglas en inglés)** - Los nuevos exámenes de MCAP están diseñados para evaluar el dominio de los estándares de la Preparación universitaria y profesional de Maryland para asegurar que todos los estudiantes estén progresando y recibiendo el apoyo necesario para el refuerzo y el enriquecimiento.



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# Saturday School Courses

**Saturday School** provides academic tutoring and instruction with certified teachers in a nurturing and supportive environment. The program is aligned with the Montgomery County Public School (MCPS) curriculum. This support is offered **every Saturday** on the dates and times below.

MCPS students Grades K through 12 may attend after registering for Saturday School for \$85 per year (\$40 for students who receive FARMS).

## 2023-2024 PROGRAMS SATURDAYS / 8:30 - 11:00 AM

Opening Ceremonies, Registration and Orientation: Sept. 9 (8:30 - 11:00 AM)

Closing Ceremonies: May 4 (8:30 - 11:00 AM)

Courses are available on the following Saturdays:

September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 28; November 4, 11, 18; December 2, 9, 16

January 27; February 3, 10, 24; March 2, 9, 16; April 6, 13, 20, 27

Parent Workshops: November 4, March 2

Center Locations – High Schools:

**Clarksburg, Einstein, Gaithersburg, Montgomery Blair, Northwest, Paint Branch, Springbrook, and Wheaton.** Virtual options for all grades.

**TO REGISTER** Please go to our website [saturdayschool.org](https://saturdayschool.org).



### Program Highlights

- Grades K through 8 focus on reading, language arts and math
- Grades 9 through 12 focus on core subjects (english and math); support for High School Assessments;
- College and career readiness is emphasized.

### Also Offering

- Robotics
- Coding
- Crash Course to College
- SAT/ACT Prep
- Adult Literacy
- Rising Star Pre-K

**REGISTER NOW!**

[saturdayschool.org](https://saturdayschool.org)



Saturday School Admin Office: 1401 Dennis Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20902  
P: 301-287-8980 • [saturdayschool.org](https://saturdayschool.org)



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Visit <https://saturdayschool.org/> for further information and to register



# Saturday School Courses

**La escuela de los sábados** proporciona tutoría e instrucción académica con maestros en un entorno virtual enriquecedor y de apoyo. El programa es alineado con el plan de estudios de las Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Montgomery (MCPS). Este apoyo se ofrece todos los sábados en las fechas y horarios que se indican a continuación.

Los estudiantes de MCPS de los grados K a 12 pueden asistir después de inscribirse en Escuela de los sábados por \$ 85 por semestre (\$ 40 para estudiantes que reciben FARMS).

## 2023-2024 PROGRAMAS VIRTUALES SÁBADOS / 8:30 - 11:00 AM

El curso está disponible los siguientes sábados:

30 de septiembre, 7, 14, 21, 28 de octubre; 4, 11, 18 de noviembre;  
2, 9, 16 de diciembre; 27 de enero; 3, 10, 24 de febrero; 2, 9, 16 de marzo;  
6, 13, 20, 27 de abril

**PARA REGISTRARSE**

Por favor visite nuestro sitio web [saturdayschool.org](https://saturdayschool.org).



### Aspectos destacados del programa

- Los grados K a 8 se enfocan en lectura, artes del lenguaje y matemáticas
- Los grados 9 a 12 se enfocan en materias básicas (inglés y matemáticas); apoyo para la evaluación de la escuela secundaria;
- Preparación de SAT / ACT
- Se enfatiza la preparación universitaria y profesional.

### También Ofreciendo

- Robótica
- Codificación
- Curso intensivo a la universidad
- Preparación para SAT / ACT

**REGÍSTRESE AHORA!**

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Visite <https://saturdayschool.org/> para obtener más información y registrarse

MONTGOMERY COUNTY RECREATION

# HUT HUT HIKE FLAG FOOTBALL



**AGES  
6-14**  
.....  
**\$60**

**FALL SEASON  
SUNDAYS**

Sept. 24 - Oct. 29 • 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES** \*Pending Inclement Weather

**LOCATIONS**

R05044 - 101 Pre Season Clinic

Damascus CRC

R05287 - 101 NFL League

Wheaton HS Field

R05287 - 102 NFL League

Damascus CRC



**R05287 - 103**



HERtime2shine  
NFL League

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