

Dr. Worthington's Message

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This week, Baker students will be taking the MAP-M and MAP-R assessments — MAP-M on Wednesday morning and MAP-R on Thursday morning.

The MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) assessment is designed to measure a student's academic achievement and growth over time in reading and mathematics. Together with other classroom-based information, MAP results can help teachers make instructional decisions that match the needs of each child.

Please make sure that on assessment days your child comes to school on time, well-rested, and having consumed a nutritious breakfast. Please avoid scheduling appointments that would pull your child out of school during the testing blocks. Bell schedules for both days can be found on page 5 of this newsletter.

If you didn't get a chance to fill out the **feedback form from Back-to-School Night**, please take a minute to provide us feedback. If you were not able to attend Back-to-School night, take a minute to provide us information as well. / Si no tuvo la oportunidad de completar el formulario de comentarios de la noche de regreso a clases, tómese un minuto para brindarnos sus comentarios. Si no pudo asistir a la noche de regreso a clases, tómese un minuto para brindarnos información también.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdKSGzGjg6vDzx2D5eYmfZrLhmCv1IV3PBYTQD3ukYx/CmlSg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Lifetouch Picture Day Is Coming!

Photographers from Lifetouch will be at Baker Middle School on **Tuesday, September 26**, to take fall individual pictures. Students will be photographed through their PE or Health class. Paper order forms were distributed to students during Advisory on Tuesday, September 19. Families are encourage to pre-order online at mylifetouch.com with their student's ID or the Picture Day ID **EVT9K74D9**. If you order online, you may qualify to receive a free 8x11 photo book from Shutterfly. *See page 3.*

SGA Spirit Day

The SGA is hosting a spirit dress day on **Friday, September 29**. Bring your spirit to school by wearing the colors of a Latin American flag to represent Hispanic-Latino Heritage Month. Need inspiration? Come to the Media Center and check out the Hispanic Heritage Bulletin Board for ideas!

7th Grade Fundraiser

Attention 7th graders. We have started our fundraiser for our end-of-year activity. This year we are planning on going to Medieval Times for our EOY activity. To help offset the cost of the trip, we are selling 7th grade tee shirts. **Shirts will be on sale until October 13.** Here is the link to order our team shirts.

<https://www.imagemarket.com/7thGradeTeam>

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



Looking Ahead

September 15-October 15

Hispanic-Latino Heritage Month

Monday, September 25

No school for students and staff

Tuesday, September 26 — Activity Buses

Lifetouch Fall Picture Day

Art Club, Room 210, Ms. Alvarado
 Chess Club, Room 115, Mr. Ciccarello
 Cross Country vs. Clemente — Home
 Softball vs. Clemente —
 Boys Away/Girls Home
 SGA Interest Meeting, Room 233,
 Ms. Blankenship

Wed., September 27 — Activity Buses

MAP-M assessment in the morning

NJHS Meeting, Media Center, Mr. Conner
 Outdoor Ed Parent Information Meeting,
 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 28 — Activity Buses

MAP-R assessment in the morning

K-Club, Room 210, Ms. Alvarado
 Talent Show Interest Meeting, Room 225,
 Mr. Fisher

Friday, September 29

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

October — Nationals Principal's Month

Tuesday, October 3 — Activity Buses

Art Club, Room 210, Ms. Alvarado
 Chess Club, Room 115, Mr. Ciccarello
 Cross Country vs. Neelsville — Home
 Softball vs. Neelsville Girls — Home

Wednesday, October 4 — Activity Buses

NJHS Meeting, Media Center, Mr. Conner
 Softball vs. Neelsville Boys — Home
 Everything Baker Parent Info Night for
 Hispanic Families, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 5 — Activity Buses

Interims available on StudentVUE/
 ParentVUE and mailed home to non-
 activated ParentVue households
 K-Club, Room 210, Ms. Alvarado
 Talent Show Rehearsal, Room 225,
 Mr. Fisher

Friday, October 6

Baker Band Night at DHS

Chess Club

Chess Club will meet after school on Tuesdays in Room 115. Whether you are looking for a challenging opponent to improve your game or would like to learn the game of chess, join the Chess Club. All skill levels are welcome. Stop by Room 115 to get an after-school-activity permission slip. The first meet Tuesday, September 26, in Room 115. It's time to make your move!

Crafts n' Doodles Club (aka Art Club)

Do you enjoy being creative? Do you enjoy being crafty? Or simply enjoy doodling on your h.w? Then come to Crafts n' Doodles Club! This is a safe & cozy space for all kinds of creativity! The club will be after school on Tuesdays in room 210! For questions and permission slips see Ms. Alvarado.

Dungeons and Dragons Club

Embark on an epic adventure with the D&D club! Unleash your imagination and step into a world of magic, monsters, and mystery where you are the hero of your own story. Learn teamwork, problem-solving, and creativity as you navigate through fantastical landscapes and unpredictable challenges. The club is run by Mr. John Gardner and Mr. Pekar is the staff moderator. See Mr. Pekar for permission slips.

K-Club (aka International Club)

Do you have an interest in k-pop or k-dramas? Then come and join the K-Club! We'll decorate toploaders, exchange photo cards, talk about different groups, raffle albums, follow come

backs, and more! This is a safe place for all fans. The club will meet on Thursdays in Room 210. See Ms. Alvarado for questions and permission slips.

NJHS

Attention all NJHS inductees — our first meeting will be held after school on Wednesday, September 27, in the Media Center. We will discuss expectations and ideas for the upcoming school year. Snacks will be provided. Please see Mr. Conner if you have any questions.

SGA

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. The last interest meeting will be held Tuesday, September 26, in Ms. Blankenship's room #233.

SGA Canned Food Drive

The Baker SGA is challenging all advisory classes to donate towards the food drive from **September 25 to November 27** to help our fellow Damascus community members during the holiday season. The advisory class with the most donations will receive a pizza party sponsored by SGA!

Drop off food at room 233

Canned food only — NO perishables

Donations should not expire for one year or more

Communications Between Students and Parents/Guardians during Instructional Time

Families: Should you need to contact your child, please call, text, or email your child before school, after school, or during lunchtime. Students will not be allowed to take out their phones and return your call, text, or email during instructional times. Schedules are shown on the next page. **In case of emergency**, students may use the school phone in the Main Office to contact you during instructional times. Parents may call the school to speak to their child by the Main Office phone in emergency situations, also.

FY23

Cell Phones - Silent and Out of Sight

When *can* students use their cell phones and earbuds?

- Before school in the hallways and cafeteria
- During lunchtime in the cafeteria
- After school in the hallways and in clubs that are non-instructional

When *can't* students use their cell phones and earbuds?

- In between classes
- In classes or after-school clubs that are instructional
- During detentions - lunch, after school, or whole day
- In the locker rooms and restrooms

Lifetouch.

PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

¡YA LLEGA EL DÍA DE LA FOTO!

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

John T. Baker Middle School Fall Individuals



Scan to order!
¡Echa un vistazo para encargarl!



How it Works:



Pre-order today on
mylifetouch.com
using your Student ID or
Picture Day ID:
EVT9K74D9



Students are
photographed on
Picture Day



Orders will be sent home
with your student after
Picture Day

Cómo funciona: Encarga de manera anticipada en mylifetouch.com usando tu ID de estudiante o la ID del Día de la Foto. Los estudiantes son fotografiados el Día de la Foto. Los pedidos serán enviados a tu casa con tu estudiante después del Día de la Foto.

Questions? Contact our Help Center at lifetouch.com/support-us. Select K-12 School Photography for assistance.
¿Preguntas? Comunícate con nuestro Centro de Ayuda en lifetouch.com/support-us. Selecciona Fotografía Escolar K-12 para recibir asistencia.

FALL 2023 Map Testing Bell Schedule
Sept. 27th & Sept. 28th

Day 1 (Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2023)

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

Day 2 (Thursday, Sept. 28, 2023)

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
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****Students will report directly to their Testing Location (Advisory Teacher for most).**

JOHN T. BAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOK 2024



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today's memories to enjoy for a lifetime.
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OTHER HELPFUL INFO:

This year, we are providing a limited number of promo codes for a discount online. Visit the website to view the active promo code. Don't delay these codes are first-come, first-serve.

[JOSTENSYEARBOOKS.COM](https://jostensyearbooks.com)

DEADLINE: 10/31/2023

John T Baker Middle School

Dear Parent or Student,
Yearbook Recognition Ads are the perfect way to commemorate achievements and celebrate milestones. To purchase your ad online, follow the instructions listed below. Jostens is responsible for our school's yearbook ad sales. Please do not contact or send materials to the school. Please also consider our school's ad content guidelines below during the creation of your ad online. All orders must be placed by 10/31/2023 to take advantage of early bird pricing! The final deadline to purchase an 8th grade congratulatory ad is 1/26/2024.

ORDER BY 10/31/2023

COLOR AD

1/4 Page	\$95.00
1/8 Page	\$55.00

*Tax, service and delivery fee(s) will be added if applicable.

PAYMENT PLAN AVAILABLE ON ORDERS OF \$30 OR MORE.

3 EASY STEPS TO CREATE A YEARBOOK RECOGNITION AD!



Step 1

Choose your ad size and layout



Step 2

Add your photos



Step 3

Enter your text

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the guidelines for ad content?

Our school reserves the right to edit ads per our guidelines. Ensure all submitted materials are appropriate for school publication. Jostens retains the right to remove any explicit text, graphic photos or copyright-protected imagery or photos.

Can I create my student's ad on my mobile device?

Yes, yearbook ads can be created online from both desktop and mobile devices.

How are the ad prices determined and what is the money used for?

Recognition ad prices are determined by our school. Revenue from recognition ads helps the school create a better, more affordable yearbook.

How is the ad deadline determined?

The ad deadline is set by our school based on the production schedule for the yearbook.



(800) 358-0800
jostensadservice.com/student



JOHN T. BAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL

25400 Oak Drive, Damascus, Maryland 20872 240-207-2440

Office of the Principal

September 15, 2023

Dear Student and Parent/Guardian:

The Maryland General Assembly passed the Blueprint for Maryland's Future (Blueprint) legislation in 2021. The legislation is designed to transform public education in the state into a world-class education system by increasing educational funding, enriching student experiences and accelerating student outcomes, as well as improving the quality of education for all children in Maryland. One component of this legislation relates to providing individualized career advising services to middle and high school students. With this in mind, I am excited to share that Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) will collaborate with [WorkSource Montgomery](#) (WSM) and [Montgomery College](#) (MC) to develop and implement an exciting new Montgomery County Career Advising Program (MoCoCAP) beginning this school year.

MoCoCAP will assist us in transforming the way we support career success for our students. The vision for MoCoCAP is to provide career advising services that will enable students to vividly describe their own strengths, interests, and workplace values; identify how they are expanding their skills and knowledge; describe the various opportunities ahead of them; and describe their goals for their future as they develop life long career management skills. During the 2023-2024 school year MoCoCAP will support Grade 6 and Grade 9 students, and expand the roll out of MoCoCAP to all secondary students by the 2025-2026 school year.

Full implementation of this innovative and transformative work and will take time to plan, deploy, study, and perfect. Input and feedback on this work will be critical in the coming months and years. To learn more about MoCoCAP and our partners in this work, visit the MoCoCAP [website](#).

If you have questions about this new initiative, please use the link below. This will support the development of an FAQ that will be posted to the MoCoCAP website to ensure all stakeholders are informed about this work as we continue to plan and implement.

Sincerely,



Louise J. Worthington, Ed.D
Principal

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2024-2025
MCPS SCHOOL CALENDAR
Stakeholder Survey

Please use the QR code below to provide feedback on the MCPS School Calendar for 2024-2025



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CALENDARIO ESCOLAR DE MCPS
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Help your school
earn a share of
\$500,000

Dear Parents,

Educational technology and funding changes daily. To keep up with these changes and expenses, our school is partnering with Weis Markets in their annual Weis 4 School program. Register your Weis Rewards card online at weis4school.com. By participating in this program, we can earn money for our school by simply shopping. Once you register, you're in the program and you do not need to register again this school year. Please share this information with your friends and family. The more interest and enthusiasm we generate, the greater the benefits to our school.

Thank you for your support.

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