

Mr. Levine's Message

Greetings Bulldog Families,

I hope this message finds you well.

Parents/guardians are invited to visit your child's classes for our **Open House on Monday, November 11. Coffee & Conversation** will be held **9:45–10:30**. We hope you can join us! (*see page 3*)

Please join us when students from the Damascus Cluster Schools present the **Damascus Cluster Concerts**. The concerts will be held at Damascus High School and start at 7:00 p.m.

- **Bands Concert — Wednesday, November 13**
- **Strings Concert — Thursday, November 14**

Talent Show — Baker students will showcase their talents this coming Friday evening. See page 4 for more info.

Baker Middle School celebrates **American Education Week November 18–22**. Students had the opportunity to write notes of appreciation to their teachers, paraeducators, counselors, administrators, and any other staff members they wished to recognize. Parents and guardians who wish to recognize any of the adults who work with their students may send an email directly to the staff member(s). A link to the Staff Directory can be found in the blue bar on the left of the Baker home page.

Parent Conferences will be held **Monday, November 25, 2024**. Additional information on this year's conference format will be shared in a separate communication soon.

Monday, November 25, and Tuesday, November 26, are early release days for students. We will dismiss students at 12:30 p.m. on both days. **Schools and offices will be closed Wednesday, November 27 through November 29 for Thanksgiving break.**

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

Baker MS Music Department Fundraiser

Dear Baker Community,

The Baker Music Department is pleased to present a "Fresh Fruit Fundraiser" featuring freshly picked Florida citrus, apples, pears, and cheesecakes.

The online site will be open until 11/17 and all orders and payment in advance must occur online using this link:

<https://freshfruitorder.org/BakerMusic/Organizations/landingpage.aspx>

PURCHASING INFORMATION

If your child or a friend of the family is enrolled in Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Symphonic Orchestra, Concert Chorus, or Chamber Singers, please make sure that you designate them as the seller so they will get sales credit.

If you are ordering as a community member or teacher and do not have any preference for who gets credit for your sale, please select **"Music Department"**

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Looking Ahead

November —

Nat'l Native American Heritage Month
Lung Cancer Awareness Month

Monday, November 11

Veterans' Day

Baker Open House and Coffee & Conversations (*see page 3*)

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

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

PTA meetings are hybrid:

<https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/85601569113?pwd=Fd4X4T4gMlUcFN997gJFXr1QQZG4MT.1>

Meeting ID: 856 0156 9113 **Code:** 908892

Phone: +1 301 715 8592 US

One tap mobile:

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Tuesday, November 12 — Activity Buses

Basketball—Girls, Mr. Smith

eSports Club, Mr. Conner/Mr. Maddox, Room 134

Wed, November 13 — Activity Buses

Basketball—Girls, Mr. Smith

Damascus Cluster Bands Concert, 7:00 p.m. at DHS

Thursday, November 14 — Activity Buses

Fidos for Freedom – during lunches

in the Media Center

Basketball—Girls, Mr. Smith

EML Guitar Club, Mr. Maddox, Room 134

Homework Club, Ms. Laraia, Room 227

Jazz Band, Ms. Fell, Room 107

Kraft Club, Ms. Ross, Room 101

SGA, Ms. Blankenship, Room 233

Damascus Cluster Strings Concert, 7:00 p.m. at DHS

Friday, November 15

Stand strong against lung cancer by

wearing white

Talent Show (*see page 4*)

November 18–22 – American Ed Week

Monday, November 25

Early Release Day for Students

Dismissal at 12:30 p.m.

Parent Conferences

Tuesday, November 26

Early Release Day for Students

Dismissal at 12:30 p.m.

November 27–29

Systemwide closure and Thanksgiving

Break; Schools and offices closed

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IF YOUR SELLER OR MEMBER AGREES TO DELIVER TO YOU, please select them for “**member delivery**” and designate a delivery address in your check out. A “member delivery” is the music student or their family hand delivering the items to you.

Buyers can pick their items up themselves if they choose “**customer pick-up.**” Please arrive at the back entrance by the parent drop off and enter the back doors by the music room on 12/6 (tentative) between 3:15-5:30 pm to pick-up your order.

Only items designated for “holiday gift shipping” will be mailed out of state. **No items which are designated for “member delivery” or “customer pickup” will be shipped.**

Students in Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Orchestra, Concert Chorus, or Chamber Singers, can earn credit to reduce the price of their spring music trip. Let’s help our music students have a great trip and experience!

Many Thanks!

Valerie Fell and Kari Liuzzi

Baker Music Directors

From the SGA



Canned Food Drive

Baker SGA is collecting non-perishable canned food and boxed food items **until Thursday, November 14, 2024** to help feed our Damascus community. Please drop off all donations to Ms. Blankenship in Room 233.

Pizza Party for the Advisory with the most donations!

Friendship Dance

Parents/Guardians — the annual Friendship Dance takes place on **February 7, 2025**. Please help make this event a success by purchasing any of the decorations on this [wishlist](#) and dropping them off at the Main Office.

Book Collection

Baker MS Community — please donate new and gently used books for MCPS Foster Care students. Drop off in the Media Center **now through April 24 at 3:00 p.m.**

**Red Ribbon Week — October 2024
Costume Day
(a few more pictures)**



Holiday Giving Project

The Holiday Giving Project provides **December Holiday assistance to low-income households**. A network of social workers, school counselors, and human service professionals refer families in need of assistance. Local non-profits, faith-based organizations, and public agencies service recipients as donations are available.

If your family would like to be referred for possible assistance for the December holiday season, please complete the referral form by clicking [here](#). **Referral Deadline for December Holiday - Friday, November 22.** A referral is not a guarantee of assistance, the Project helps as many families in need as donations allow. Please contact Mrs. Jones with questions.



Students in 6th through 12th grades are invited to participate in C-SPAN’s annual national video documentary StudentCam competition, which encourages them to think critically about issues that affect our communities.

This year, students are being asked to create a five-to-six-minute video documentary on a topic that relates to the competition theme, “Your Message to the President.” Students may compete individually or in groups.

Monday, January 20, 2025, Inauguration Day, is the submission deadline. C-SPAN awards cash prizes to the top 150 student documentaries. [FAQs](#) [Getting Started](#)

Help The Veterans

This holiday season we are collecting donations to help feed 30 veterans.

Donate A Turkey or Ham or Any Donation To Help Purchase A Turkey or Ham.

Help Local Veterans

Collecting until 11/18

This year’s goal 20 turkey and 10 hams

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Join us for

Baker's Open House Day with Coffee & Conversation! Monday, November 11, 2024

This event is open to current Baker MS families

Open House 8:15-3:00

Families visit classrooms, cafeteria, and Media Center

Coffee & Conversation 9:45-10:30

Administrators will give a presentation about the school

Coffee & Conversation will be held in the Media Center

A Spanish translator will be available 8:30-10:30 a.m.

A virtual option will be available for Coffee & Conversation

Zoom: [https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/85601569113?](https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/85601569113?pwd=Fd4X4T4qMIUcFN997gJFXr1QQZG4MTI)
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Únase a nosotros para

Día de puertas abiertas de Baker con Café y Conversación!

Lunes 11 de noviembre de 2024

Este evento está abierto a las familias actuales de Baker MS

Casa Abierta 8:15-3:00 — Las families pueden visitar a las aulas, la cafetería, y el Media Center

Café y conversación 9:45-10:30 — Los administradores darán una presentación sobre la escuela

Café y Conversación se reunirá en el Media Center

Un traductor español estará disponible de 8:30 a 10:30 a.m.

Habrà disponible una opción virtual para Café y Conversación

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Talent SHOW



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15 — 6:30 P.M.

BAKER GYM

TICKETS \$5 AT THE DOOR — CASH ONLY

CATEGORIES:

SINGING • DANCING • INSTRUMENTALISTS

SHADOW BOXING

PTA Dates & Contacts

UPCOMING PTA MEETING DATES:

Monday, November 11

6 pm – 8th Grade Committee

7 pm – PTA Meeting

Wednesday, December 11

6 pm – 8th Grade Committee

7 pm – PTA Meeting

Tuesday, January 14

6 pm – 8th Grade Committee

7 pm – PTA Meeting

PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Amy Bartosch, President –

BakerPTA@yahoo.com

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Jaime Kemp, 8th Grade Committee –

BakerPTA8thGrade@yahoo.com

Visit our webpage!



Visit our Facebook Page!



Hello from the PTA!

The Baker SGA is hosting their annual Friendship Dance on 2/09 and is looking for donations to make the dance a success. Please check out their [wishlist](#) & drop any donations in the main office!

Our next PTA meeting will be Monday, November 11th. We meet in the Media Center and on Zoom. Check the PTA website for Zoom call in information. If you miss a meeting, minutes are posted on our website!



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

Upcoming Events!

November 10th through 14th

8th Grade Fundraiser – Double Good Popcorn!

❖ <https://popup.doublegood.com/dashboard/lpbgtp>

Monday, November 11th

PTA Meetings

- ❖ 8th Grade Committee at 6 pm
- ❖ General PTA Meeting at 7 pm
- ❖ In person in the Media Center
- ❖ On [Zoom](#)

Tuesday, December 10th

Ledo Pizza Spirit Night

- ❖ *All day (11 am to 9 pm)*
- ❖ Use code “Fundraiser” online or mention the Baker PTA fundraiser if dining in or calling ahead for carryout.



Want more information? Scan the QR Code!

Fechas y Contactors de la PTA:

PRÓXIMAS FECHAS DE REUNIONES DE LA PTA:

Lunes 11 de noviembre
6 pm – comité de octavo grado
7 pm – reunión de la PTA

Miércoles 11 de diciembre
6 pm – comité de octavo grado
7 pm – reunión de la PTA

Martes 14 de enero
6 pm – comité de octavo grado
7 pm – reunión de la PTA

JUNTA EJECUTIVA DE LA PTA:

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Visita nuestra página web!



Visit nuestra página de Facebook!



Hola de la PTA!

Baker SGA organizará su Baile de la Amistad anual el 2/09 y está buscando donaciones para que el baile sea un éxito. ¡Consulte su [lista de deseos](#) y deje cualquier donación en la oficina principal!

Nuestra próxima reunión de la PTA será el lunes 11 de noviembre. Nos reunimos en el Media Center y en Zoom. Consulte el sitio web de la PTA para obtener información sobre llamadas de Zoom. Si se pierde una reunión, ¡las actas se publican en nuestro sitio web!



¿Quieres ser miembro?
¡Escanee el código QR para vincularlo a su formulario de membresía en línea!

¡Próximos eventos!

Del 10 al 14 de noviembre

Recaudación de fondos para octavo grado: ¡palomitas de maíz doblemente buenas!

- ❖ *Descarga la aplicación Doble Bien*
- ❖ (busque "Double Good" y debería ser la primera aplicación)
- ❖ Introduce nuestro código en la aplicación – LPBGTP
- ❖ ¡Crea tu Pop-Up Store y vende palomitas de maíz!

Lunes 11 de noviembre

Reuniones de la PTA

- ❖ Comité de 8vo Grado a las 6 pm
- ❖ Reunión general de la PTA a las 7 pm
- ❖ Presencialmente en el Centro de Medios
- ❖ En [Zoom](#)

Martes 10 de diciembre

Noche de espíritu de Ledo Pizza

- ❖ Todo el día (de 11:00 a 21:00)
- ❖ Utilice el código "Recaudación de fondos" cuando haga su pedido en línea o mencione la recaudación de fondos de la PTA de Baker si cena o llama con anticipación para pedir comida para llevar.



¿Quieres más información? ¡Escanea el código QR!

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**11.10 5pm
to 11.14 5pm**

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**Baker 8th
Grade
Fundraising**



If you are interested, pick up a booklet
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November 8, 2024

Dear Staff, Parents, and Guardians:

We are pleased to inform you of an opportunity to purchase a piano for your family. Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) has an agreement with Schaeffer's Piano Company, Inc., to provide MCPS with new grand, upright, and digital pianos to be used in schools. Schaeffer's Piano Company, Inc., located in Rockville, Maryland, is the area's oldest piano store. This agreement also provides MCPS families and staff an opportunity to purchase these and other in-stock pianos for considerably reduced prices at an annual piano sales event.

This year's liquidation sales event will take place November 16–24, 2024, at 105 North Stonestreet Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Sales will be by appointment only to provide an opportunity for you to purchase these pianos before they are offered for sale to the public. All pianos will carry a 15-year transferable warranty. Each piano will come with a bench and one free in-house tuning.

For additional information, you may visit the Schaeffer's Piano Company, Inc., website at <https://www.schaefferspiano.com>. To make an appointment for the sale, between November 16–24, 2024, please call the Schaeffer's Piano Company appointment desk at 301-424-1147.

We are grateful to be working with Schaeffer's Piano Company, Inc., to support our school music programs and help MCPS keep new and well-maintained instruments in our schools each year. If you have any questions, please contact Schaeffer's Piano Company, Inc., at 301-424-1144.

Sincerely,



Dana E. Edwards
Chief of District Operations