

Mr. Levine's Message

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

We invite the parents of rising 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students attending Baker Middle School for the 2025-2026 school year to join us from **6:30–8:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 23, 2025, for our Parent Articulation Meeting.** This is an opportunity to learn about course offerings and the course registration process.

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



Parent Articulation Meeting

Thursday, January 23, 2025

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6:30 - 8:00pm BMS Cafeteria

Martin Luther King Jr. Service Week

To honor Martin Luther King Jr. service week, SGA, with the help of Baker MS is collecting the following items to create comfort cases (backpacks) for foster care students in MCPS until April 23.

Drop off in the media center.

- Duffel Bag or Backpack
- Pajamas, Child Size 10 to Adult 3XL
- Blanket (no larger than 50" x 60")
- Adult Toothbrush (1 – 3 pack)
- Toothpaste (travel size)
- Shampoo & Conditioner (travel size)
- Lotion (travel size)
- Soap or Body Wash (travel size)
- Deodorant
- Stuffed Animal (12" or smaller)
- Journal
- Pens & Pencils
- Book

Baker students can help pack the comfort cases after school on Thursday, April 24, 2025, for 2 SSL hours.



Looking Ahead

January 18–26 — MLK Week of Service

Monday, January 20 — MLK Jr. Day
schools and offices closed

MLK Jr. Day of Service
Inauguration Day

Tuesday, January 21 — Activity Buses

Basketball vs. Neelsville, Boys Home

Girls Away

eSports Club, Mr. Conner and

Mr. Maddox, Room 134

Workout Club, Mr. Fisher, Weight Room

Wednesday, January 22

PTA Chipotle Fundraiser (*see page 5*)

Thursday, January 23 — Activity Buses

Homework Club, Ms. Laraia, Room 227

Jazz Band, Ms. Fell, Room 107

Kraft Club, Ms. Ross, Room 101

SGA, Ms. Blankenship, Room 233

Workout Club, Mr. Fisher, Weight Room

Baker Articulation Night, 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Monday, January 27

Damascus Cluster Choral Concert,

Grades 5–7, 7:00 p.m. at DHS

Tuesday, January 28 — Activity Buses

End of Marking Period 2 and Semester 1

Locker Clean-Out

Basketball vs. Hallie Wells, Boys Home/

Girls Away

eSports Club, Mr. Conner and

Mr. Maddox, Room 134

Workout Club, Mr. Fisher, Weight Room

Wed, January 29 — No Activity Buses

No school for students

Thursday, January 30 — Activity Buses

EML Guitar Club, Mr. Maddox, Room 124

Homework Club, Ms. Laraia, Room 227

Jazz Band, Ms. Fell, Room 107

Kraft Club, Ms. Ross, Room 101

NJHS, Mr. Conner, Room 233

SGA, Ms. Blankenship, Room 233

Workout Club, Mr. Fisher, Weight Room

Friday, February 7

NJHS/SGA Friendship Dance (*see page 2*)

Thank You, Baker PTA!

Thank you to the PTA Executive Board and all the wonderful volunteers who provided staff with a Baked Potato and Chili Bar! A great and very tasty start to Winter Break!



Ms. Eakins and Ms. Humphries are ready to enjoy the Baked Potato and Chili Bar

From the SGA

Friendship Dance

Parents/Guardians, & Students — the annual Friendship Dance takes place on Friday, February 7, from 3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

Please make sure to purchase your \$7 ticket and fill out the online permission slip on this [schoolcash link](#) before 12:59 p.m. on February 6, 2025.

Any help to make this event a success is appreciated by purchasing any of the decorations on this [Amazon wishlist](#) and dropping them off at the Main Office.

See you there to celebrate friendship!

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.**

C-SPAN STUDENTCAM2025

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 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](#)

Choose Respect Competition

Choose Respect 2025: Middle and high school students are invited to participate in the Choose Respect competition for a chance to win up to \$1,000. To enter, students must create a 60-second video with a message raising awareness about emotional abuse, consent, or how to support a friend facing a difficult situation. Participants can earn SSL hours, and the winning videos will be showcased at RespectFest 2025. **The deadline to submit videos is Sunday, February 16, 2025.** To learn more, [visit the website.](#)

2025-2026 Traditional School Year Calendar

Time to Bundle Up

Brrr — it's freezing! A reminder that our doors open to students at 7:50 a.m. (9:50 a.m. on days when there is a two-hour delay). Please make sure students come bundled warmly in preparation for the outside temperatures. Thank you!



Winter Weather Is Coming: Are You Ready?

Winter is coming, and MCPS has your back with information on how to Stay Connected to get the latest information on weather delays and closures.

Keep your contact information up-to-date: Visit the ParentVUE link on the [MCPS Community Tech Support website](#).

Know the Color-Coded Statuses:

- **Green:** Normal Operations
- **Yellow:** Delayed Opening
- **Blue:** Early Dismissal
- **Red:** Closed
- **Orange:** Modified Virtual Instruction

[Learn more about Color Codes](#)

Why it Matters: Decisions are made with expert input and local assessments to keep everyone safe.

How to Know: Check the MCPS website and social media for real-time updates.

Don't Miss the Superintendent's Video

Watch the video: <https://youtu.be/ugfu7nlDpuk>



STAY CONNECTED

- **VISIT** the [MCPS homepage](#).
- **CALL** 240-740-3000. Staff take calls from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays thru Fridays, in English and Spanish (240-740-2845)
- **READ** news and information sent via email and text message and on the [MCPS News](#) page.
- **FOLLOW** the MCPS social media pages on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram in English and Spanish.
- <http://twitter.com/mcps>
<https://www.facebook.com/mcpsmd>
https://www.instagram.com/mcps_md
- <https://www.facebook.com/mcpsespanol>
<https://twitter.com/MCPSEspanol>
<https://www.instagram.com/mcpsenespanol/>
- **SIGN UP** for [emails and text alerts](#) and make sure your [ParentVue](#) information is up to date.
- **WATCH** the MCPS cable channels Comcast 34 (1071 HD), Verizon 36 or RCN 89

PTA Dates & Contacts

UPCOMING PTA MEETING DATES:

Wednesday, February 12

6 pm – 8th Grade Committee
7 pm – PTA Meeting

Tuesday, March 11

6 pm – 8th Grade Committee
7 pm – PTA Meeting

Tuesday, April 8

6 pm – 8th Grade Committee
7 pm – PTA Meeting

PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Amy Bartosch, President –
BakerPTA@yahoo.com

Kalihah Barber, Vice President –
BakerPTAVP@yahoo.com

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Stacy Smith, Secretary –
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Jaime Kemp, 8th Grade Committee –
BakerPTA8thGrade@yahoo.com

Visit our webpage!



Visit our Facebook Page!



Hello from the PTA!

The PTA is looking for more members and parent volunteers for our upcoming activities! Please see the QR code below to become a member.

Reminder: The Baker SGA is hosting their annual Friendship Dance on 2/07 and is looking for donations to make the dance a success. Please check out their wishlist & drop any donations in the main office! (Wishlist is linked on the PTA Facebook page.)



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

Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities!

Wednesday, January 22nd

Spirit Night at Chipotle

- ◆ From 4 pm to 8 pm
- ◆ Show the flyer in the restaurant (see attached)
- ◆ Ordering online or the app? Use code ABJQP8X

Upcoming February Fundraiser

Discounted Urban Air tickets!

- ◆ Sale will run from February 10th to February 23rd
- ◆ Tickets will be good for an entire year!
- ◆ Keep an eye out on our Facebook and Web pages for informational flyers in the coming weeks!



Want more information? Scan the QR Code!

Fechas y Contactors de la PTA:

PRÓXIMAS FECHAS DE REUNIONES DE LA PTA:

Miércoles 12 de febrero

6 pm – comité de octavo grado

7 pm – reunión de la PTA

Martes 11 de marzo

6 pm – comité de octavo grado

7 pm – reunión de la PTA

Martes 8 de abril

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!

¡La PTA está buscando más miembros y padres voluntarios para nuestras próximas actividades!

Baker SGA organizará su Baile de la Amistad anual el 2/07 y está buscando donaciones para que el baile sea un éxito. ¡Consulte su lista de deseos y deje cualquier donación en la oficina principal! (La lista de deseos está vinculada en la página de Facebook de la PTA).



¿Quieres ser miembro?

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

¡Próximos eventos!

Miércoles 22 de enero

Noche de espíritu en Chipotle

- ◆ De 4 pm a 8 pm
- ◆ Mostrar el flyer en el restaurante (ver adjunto)
- ◆ ¿Quieres hacer tu pedido online o a través de la aplicación? Usa el código ABJQP8X

Próxima recaudación de fondos en febrero

Billetes de avión "Urban Air" con descuento

- ◆ La venta se realizará del 10 al 23 de febrero.
- ◆ ¡Las entradas serán válidas durante todo un año!
- ◆ ¡Consulta nuestro Facebook y sitio web para obtener folletos informativos en las próximas semanas!



¿Quieres más información? ¡Escanea el código QR!

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COMMUNITY STARTS HERE // 55% TAYLOR

DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



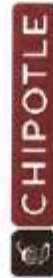
CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR

BAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA

25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22ND | 4-8PM
9815 MAIN ST STE 104, DAMASCUS, MD, 20872

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **A8JQP8X**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count toward the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

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HAZ EL BIEN CON CHIPOTLE



RECAUDACIÓN DE FONDOS PARA

BAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA

25% DE LAS VENTAS DEL EVENTO SERÁN DONADAS A LA CAUSA

MIÉRCOLES, ENERO 22º | 4-8PM
9815 MAIN ST STE 104, DAMASCUS, MD, 20872

ORDENA EN LÍNEA PARA RECOGER USANDO EL CÓDIGO **A8JQP8X**
O MUESTRA ESTE VOLANTE EN EL RESTAURANTE



Para que las ordenes en línea se tengan en cuenta para el evento de recaudación de fondos, deberán ser del mismo lugar del evento y realizarse durante las horas del mismo. Las ordenes con servicio de entrega y las realizadas con una tarjeta de regalo no cuentan para el evento. Se requiere un mínimo de \$150 dólares de ventas para recibir cualquier donación.

WELCOME TO **MealViewer** NEW

The new way to view breakfast and lunch menus!



<p>Scan here for the MealViewer website OR download MealViewer from any app store</p> 	<p>View and filter by the top 9 allergens</p> <p><i>Milk, Eggs, Peanuts, Tree Nuts, Fish, Shellfish, Soy, Wheat, and Sesame</i></p>	<p>Menus available in eight different languages</p> <p>한국어 中文 Français English 한국어 Español Português and Tiếng Việt</p>	<p>View pictures and nutritional information, set favorites, and rate menu items!</p>
<p>ACCESS MEALVIEWER</p>	<p>DIETARY NEEDS</p>	<p>TRANSLATED MENUS</p>	<p>AND MORE!</p>
			

[MCPS MealViewer](#)

[DFNS Website](#)

BIENVENIDOS A **MealViewer** NEW

¡La nueva forma de ver los menús de desayuno y almuerzo!



<p>Escaneen aquí para ver el sitio web de MealViewer O descarguen MealViewer desde cualquier tienda de aplicaciones</p> 	<p>Veán y filtren por los 9 alérgenos más comunes</p> <p><i>Leche, Huevos, Maní, Frutos secos, Pescado, Mariscos (crustáceos), Soja, Trigo y Sésamo</i></p>	<p>Los menús están disponibles en ocho idiomas diferentes</p> <p>한국어 中文 Français English 한국어 Español Português y Tiếng Việt</p>	<p>¡Veán imágenes e información nutricional, establezcan sus favoritos y califiquen los elementos del menú!</p>
<p>ACCEDER A MEALVIEWER</p>	<p>NECESIDADES DIETÉTICAS</p>	<p>MENÚS TRADUCIDOS</p>	<p>¡Y MÁS!</p>
			

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