

Mr. Levine's Message

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

As you already may have heard, due to the school closures on January 6–8 and February 12, **the last day of the school year will now be Tuesday, June 17. The last three days — June 13, June 16, and June 17 — will be early release days for students.**

This coming week, all students will be taking the MCAP ELA assessments. Please make sure your child is well rested, has eaten a nourishing breakfast, and gets to school on time. The bell schedule is on page 2.

Next week, May 5–9, is Staff Appreciation Week. Students will have the opportunity to write notes of appreciation to all the staff members (teachers, paras, counselors, administrators, Main Office staff, security, cafeteria crew, building service crew, health room) who help them do their best. If you would like to assist your child or write a note of your own, please see the notes on page 2 or feel free to send an email.

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



Join us for evenings of wonderful music!

Baker Bands

Mrs. Valerie Fell, Director
Tuesday, May 6, 6:30 p.m.

Baker Orchestra and Jazz Band

Mrs. Valerie Fell, Director
Wednesday, May 7, 6:30 p.m.

Baker Chorus

Mrs. Kari Liuzzi, Chorus Director
Thursday, May 8, 6:30 p.m.

All concerts will be held at Damascus High School

Update to Meal Account Negative Balance Notifications For Parents/Guardians

Starting Tuesday, April 29, 2025, parents/guardians will begin receiving weekly ParentSquare notifications for any student with a negative meal account balance exceeding -\$5.00. This will replace the current paper-based notification.

Payment can be made:

- Online at www.MySchoolBucks.com where parents can also check meal account balances, sign up for recurring payments, and more.
- Directly to the school cafeteria using cash, check, or money order (made payable to the School Cafeteria). Please be sure to include the Student Name, Student ID, and home phone number with the payment.

Families may apply for Free and Reduced-price Meals (FARMS) online at www.MySchoolApps.com and visit the [Division of Food and Nutrition Services \(DFNS\)](#) website for more information. DFNS may be reached at 240-740-7400 or via [email](#).



Looking Ahead

**April — Arab American Heritage Month,
Autism Awareness Month,
School Library Media Month**

April 28–May 1
MCAP ELA Testing (see page 2)

April 28–May 2 — Scholastic Book Fair

Monday, April 28
PTA Spirit Day at Tom & Ray's
8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. and 4:00–8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 29 — Activity Buses
Kickball Mr. Ruocco, Field

Wednesday, April 30 — Activity Buses
EML Guitar Club, Mr. Maddox, Room 134
Flag Football, Mr. Cummings, Field
Kickball, Mr. Ruocco, Field
Soccer vs. Hallie Wells, Boys Home/
Girls Away

Thursday, May 1 — Activity Buses
Flag Football, Mr. Cummings, Field
Homework Club, Ms. Laraia, Room 227
Jazz Band, Ms. Fell, Room 107
Kickball, Mr. Ruocco, Field
Kraft Club, Ms. Ross, Room 101
Baker International Night (see page 4)

**May — Asian American Heritage Month,
Jewish American Heritage Month,
Pupil Personnel Worker Month**

May 5–9 — Staff Appreciation Week

**May 6, 7, 8 — Baker Music Department
Spring Concerts**

8th Grade Info
Promotion Ceremony
Thursday, June 12, 2025
8:30–9:45 a.m.

Celebration Dance
Friday, June 13, 2025
6:30–8:00 p.m.

10% Off Lifetouch

Remember to Order This Years Pictures
CODE: S25100FF EXPIRES: 7/31/25
[Redeem Now](#)

2025 ELA Testing Bell Schedule — Monday, April 28–Thursday, May 1
4/28—ELA Part 1 4/29—ELA Part 2 4/30—ELA Part 3 5/1—ELA Part 4

Bells	GRADE 6	GRADE 7	GRADE 8
8:15 - 10:11	ELA TESTING 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

****Students will report directly to their Testing Location.**

*****Total testing time includes material handout, collection, and extended time accommodation**



**Baker Middle School
Staff Appreciation Week
May 5 – May 9, 2025
Note of Appreciation**

Dear _____ – you show us
how to **“Do Our Best to Reach Success!”** when you

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7th Grade 3 Strike Field Trip Policy

Effective April 22nd to June 11th 2025

Purpose of this policy:

The seventh grade teachers would like to ensure a successful end of the year field trip. We would also like to reward students who consistently make good choices. For these reasons, we have created a Field Trip Policy which emphasizes good behavior in the classroom and hallways. Taking students out of the building and into public spaces, we need to ensure that all students are respectful and cooperative to our chaperones and to the staff of the establishment we are attending. We are confident that all students at John T. Baker are capable of earning Field Trip privileges and we want to help them to succeed.

You will not be able to attend Field Trip if you receive three strikes.

The following behaviors will result in a strike:

- Office referral
- Threatening another student
- Cyber Bullying
- Disrespect to adults
- Disruption of classroom instruction
- Refusal to follow directions given by an adult
- Being late three times to any one class
- Being caught using a cell phone

You will be warned verbally before a strike is given and you will be told immediately if you receive a strike. Any staff member in the building may give you a strike. Mr. Cummings will inform you when you have received three strikes.

*****Please note that an office referral is an automatic strike. A referral may take place without a verbal warning if the behavior is severe.**

****** Suspension in school or out will result in an automatic removal from the field trip.**

APPEALS

(An appeal can be written when the student receives his/her third strike).

All appeals must be written to Mr. Cummings and turned in by June 11th. The appeal will then be discussed and reviewed by the 7th grade teachers and administration and a decision will be rendered.

Please note: Once a student becomes ineligible, it becomes the student's responsibility to give written justification for reinstatement privileges. It is important to note however, that a written appeal does not constitute an agreement that the student may attend the field trip.



Stewart Cummings- 7th Grade Team Leader



Sam Levine - Principal

<p>PLEASE JOIN US FOR</p> <p>BAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL</p> <h1>INTERNATIONAL NIGHT</h1>	<p>POR FAVOR ÚNETE A NOSOTRAS</p> <p>BAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL</p> <h1>NOCHE INTERNACIONAL</h1>
<p>THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025</p> <p>6:00PM-8:00PM</p>	<p>JUEVES 1 DE MAYO DE 2025</p> <p>6:00PM-8:00PM</p>
<p>COME TRAVEL TO DIFFERENT COUNTRIES</p>	<p>VEN A VIAJAR A DIFERENTES PAÍSES.</p>
	
<p>TASTE FOOD</p>	<p>PROBAR COMIDA</p>
<p>HEAR DIFFERENT LANGUAGES</p>	<p>ESCUCCHAR DIFERENTES IDIOMAS</p>
	
<p>FASHION SHOW</p>	<p>DESFILE DE MODA</p>
<p>HAVE FUN</p>	<p>DIVERTIRSE</p>
<p>BAKER SCHOOL GYM</p>	<p>BAKER SCHOOL GYM</p>

Hello from the PTA!

PTA Dates & Contacts

UPCOMING PTA MEETING DATES:

Tuesday, May 13

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

Tuesday, June 10

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

PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Amy Bartosch, President –
BakerPTA@yahoo.com

Shannon West, Treasurer –
BakerPTATreasurer@yahoo.com

Stacy Smith, Secretary –
BakerPTASecr@yahoo.com

Jaime Kemp, 8th Grade Committee –
Baker8thGrade@yahoo.com

Visit our webpage!



Visit our Facebook Page!



The PTA is looking for its new 2025-2026 Officers! If you're looking to be more involved with fundraisers, student events, or volunteer opportunities, please consider volunteering for a position on the Board. Please reach out to BakerPTA@yahoo.com if you're interested.



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

Spirit Night – Monday, April 28th – Tom & Ray's!

- ◆ No need for a flyer or a code – just order from Tom & Ray's during normal hours!
- ◆ All funds raised will benefit the 8th Grade!

Silent Auction is May 1st!

- ◆ Same night as International Night – attend both events!
- ◆ Willing to donate an item or a themed basket?
- ◆ Own a business that would be willing to donate a service?
- ◆ Talk to your kids & see if they'd like to donate a service – babysitting, lawnmowing, yard clean up, etc.!
- ◆ Please reach out to BakerPTA@yahoo.com!

Staff Appreciation Week, May 5th - 9th

- ◆ Donations are needed for prize giveaways & lunch!
- ◆ Staff Luncheon on Thursday, 5/8
- ◆ Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve, and clean up lunch on the 8th.
- ◆ [SignUp Genius here!](#)



Want more information? Scan
the QR Code!

Fechas y Contactors de la PTA:

PRÓXIMAS FECHAS DE REUNIONES DE LA PTA:

Martes 13 de mayo

6 pm – comité de octavo grado

7 pm – reunión de la PTA

Martes 10 de junio

6 pm – comité de octavo grado

7 pm – reunión de la PTA

JUNTA EJECUTIVA DE LA PTA:

Amy Bartosch, Presidenta –

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Shannon West, Tesorera –

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Stacy Smith, Secretaria –

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Jaime Kemp, comité de 8 grado –

Baker8thGrade@yahoo.com

Visita nuestra página web!



Visit nuestra página de Facebook!



Hola de la PTA!

¡La PTA busca a sus nuevos directivos para el año 2025-2026! Si buscas participar más activamente en actividades de recaudación de fondos, eventos estudiantiles u oportunidades de voluntariado, considera ofrecerte como voluntario para un puesto en la Junta Directiva. Si te interesa, escríbenos a BakerPTA@yahoo.com.



¿Quieres ser miembro?

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

Noche de espíritu – Lunes 28 de abril – ¡Tom & Ray's!

- ◆ ¡No necesitas un folleto ni un código: simplemente haz tu pedido en Tom & Ray's durante el horario habitual!
- ◆ ¡Todos los fondos recaudados beneficiarán al 8vo grado!

¡Subasta silenciosa el 1 de mayo!

- ◆ La misma noche que la Noche Internacional: ¡asiste a ambos eventos!
- ◆ ¿Estás dispuesto a donar un artículo o una canasta temática?
- ◆ ¿Tiene una empresa que estaría dispuesta a donar un servicio?
- ◆ Hable con sus hijos y vea si les gustaría donar un servicio: ¡cuidado de niños, cortar el césped, limpiar el jardín, etc.!
- ◆ ¡Comuníquese con BakerPTA@yahoo.com!

Semana de agradecimiento al personal, del 5 al 9 de mayo

- ◆ ¡Se necesitan donaciones para los sorteos de premios y el almuerzo!
- ◆ Almuerzo del personal el jueves 8 de mayo
- ◆ Se necesitan voluntarios para ayudar a preparar, servir y limpiar el almuerzo del día 8.
- ◆ ¡[Regístrate Genius aquí!](#)



¿Quieres más información? ¡Escanee el código QR!

Tom & Ray's

BAKER MS PTA

Spirit Night



When?

**MONDAY
APRIL 28TH**

OPEN 8 AM - 2 PM AND 4 PM - 8 PM

DINE IN AND CARRYOUT

(240) 509-3300

tomandraysdamascus.com

Mention Baker MS PTA when ordering

**BREAKFAST,
LUNCH &
DINNER**

9805 MAIN STREET SUITE 206
DAMASCUS, MD 20872



JOHN T BAKER 8TH GRADE COMMITTEE

HELP US COLLECT ITEMS FOR OUR AUCTION!

SILENT AUCTION INFORMATION

We are collecting donations for our silent auction on May 1st. We are seeking monetary donations to purchase items and/or in kind donations from businesses and families.

**MAY 1, 2025
6 - 8 PM**

Baker Middle School
during International Night

WHAT YOU CAN DONATE

AMAZON WISHLIST ITEMS

Our Amazon Wishlist has items that will be used to create our auction baskets

BASKET ITEMS

We have a Signup Genius with all baskets we are hoping to build and what is needed


GIFT CARDS

Any denomination will add to our auction offerings!



STUDENT DONATIONS

8th Graders, we need your help too! Have artwork to auction off? Are you a babysitter, mow lawns? Donate your services and highlight your business!

SIGNUP



AMAZON



CONTACT US TO DONATE:

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baker8thgrade@yahoo.com
Paypal: @BakerMSPTA

Donations needed by
April 27, 2025. Got extra
baskets? Donate them for
packaging items.