

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 Math 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.

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, Director
Thursday, May 8, 6:30 p.m.

All concerts will be held at Damascus High School

Pillars of Character

"Character – the willingness to accept responsibility for one's own life – is the source from which self-respect springs." *Joan Didion*

Character education is an integral part of the instructional program at Baker Middle School.

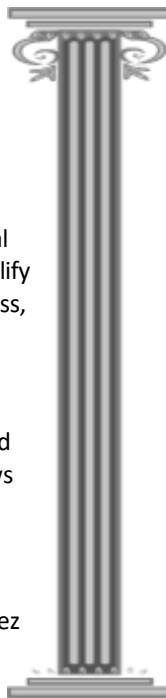
A person of good character is ethical and has moral strength. Baker will recognize students who exemplify the core universal values of respect, trustworthiness, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship.

April Character Trait – Citizenship

Citizenship is doing your share to make your community a better place. Good citizens are good neighbors. They cooperate with others; obey laws and rules; and respect people in authority.

April Students of the Month

Odyssey – Jacob Bautista, Julia Muller
Terrapins – Davi Guerreschi Machado, Lesly Vasquez
Champions – Andrew Civillico, Hannah Cooper
Explorers – Sophia Romero



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



Looking Ahead

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

May 5–9 — Staff Appreciation Week

Tuesday, May 6 — Activity Buses
eSports Club, Mr. Conner and Mr. Maddox
Room 134
Kickball Mr. Ruocco, Field
Soccer vs. Rocky Hill, Boys Away/Girls Home
Baker Bands Spring Concert, 6:30 p.m.,
at DHS

Wednesday, May 7 — Activity Buses
MCAP Math for All Grades (see page 2)
Flag Football, Mr. Cummings, Field
Kickball, Mr. Ruocco, Field
NJHS, Mr. Conner, Outside
Baker Orchestra and Jazz Band
Spring Concert, 6:30 p.m., at DHS

Thursday, May 8 — Activity Buses
MCAP Math for All Grades (see page 2)
PTA Staff Appreciation Luncheon
Flag Football, Mr. Cummings, Field
Homework Club, Ms. Laraia, Room 227
Kickball, Mr. Ruocco, Field
SGA, Ms. Blankenship, Room 233
Baker Chorus Spring Concert, 6:30 p.m.,
at DHS

Tuesday, May 13 — Activity Buses
PTA Meetings

Wednesday, May 14 — Activity Buses
Flying Cows Assembly
Music Department Chipotle Fundraiser
(see page 4)

Thursday, May 15 — Activity Buses
Mile Challenge

Friday, May 16
HersheyPark Music Showcase,
5:30 a.m.–10:00 p.m.
Interims available in ParentVUE and
Student VUE and mailed to households
without an active ParentVUE account

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SY25 Spring Math Testing Schedule

Day 1 (Wednesday, May 7, 2025) 2 sections x 40 minutes

Bells	GRADE 6	GRADE 7	GRADE 8
8:15 - 10:43	Math MCAP Testing (Sections 1 & 2)		
10:47-11:14	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1
11:18-11:48	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4 - Lunch
11:52-12:22	Period 5	Period 5 Lunch	Period 5
12:26-12:56	Period 6 Lunch	Period 6	Period 6
1-00-1:27	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2
1:31-1:58	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3
2:02-2:29	Period 7	Period 7	Period 7
2:33-3:00	Period 8	Period 8	Period 8

Day 2 (Thursday, May 8, 2025) 2 sections x 40 minutes

Bells	GRADE 6	GRADE 7	GRADE 8
8:15 - 10:43	Math MCAP Testing (Sections 3 & 4)		
10:47-11:14	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1
11:18-11:48	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4 - Lunch
11:52-12:22	Period 5	Period 5 Lunch	Period 5
12:26-12:56	Period 6 Lunch	Period 6	Period 6
1-00-1:27	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2
1:31-1:58	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3
2:02-2:29	Period 7	Period 7	Period 7
2:33-3:00	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**

CLASS PERIODS SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Baker Art Show 2025 at Westfield Wheaton Mall

For the first time, the Allied Art class—including SCB students and their general education student helpers—had artwork featured in the show.

Photography student, Bella Rincon's **Orbeez Lighting** photo (shown at right) was recognized by the county and will be displayed during the upcoming year in various settings.



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

Calling all burrito lovers, — Foil your dinner plans and stop by the **Chipotle** at **9815 Main St Ste 104 in Damascus** for our fundraiser on **Wednesday, May 14** from **4:00pm - 8:00pm**. We're raising money to support John T. Baker Middle School Music Department, so just download a flyer from the link below or mention the fundraiser at checkout and they'll donate 25% of the proceeds to the cause! [Click here for more details](#). Can't wait to see you!

DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR
JOHN T. BAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL
MUSIC DEPARTMENT

25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14TH | 4-8PM
9815 MAIN ST STE 104, DAMASCUS, MD, 20872

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **8YPYDB7**
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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RECAUDACIÓN DE FONDOS PARA
JOHN T. BAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL
MUSIC DEPARTMENT

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ORDENA EN LÍNEA PARA RECOGER USANDO EL CÓDIGO **8YPYDB7**
O MUESTRA ESTE VOLANTE EN EL RESTAURANTE



Para que las órdenes 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 órdenes 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.

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!

Staff Appreciation Week, May 5th - 9th

- ◆ Donations are needed for prize giveaways & lunch!
- ◆ Gift Cards & services for daily prizes for the teachers are needed – please sign up at the link below & plan to drop off by Monday, 5/5.
- ◆ [Sign up for Giveaways is here!](#)
- ◆ Staff Luncheon on Thursday, 5/8
- ◆ Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve, and clean up lunch on the 8th.
- ◆ [SignUp Genius for Staff Lunch is here!](#)

8th Grade End of Year Activities

Adventure Park Field trip – Tuesday, June 10th

- ◆ 8th Grade Promotion – Thursday, June 12th
- ◆ 8th Grade Dance – Friday, June 13th
- ◆ Want to volunteer? Please sign up [here](#) or print & use this [form](#)!



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:

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Stacy Smith, Secretaria –

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Jaime Kemp, comité de 8 grado –

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Visita nuestra página web!



Visita 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!

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

- ♦ ¡Se necesitan donaciones para los sorteos de premios y el almuerzo!
- ♦ Se necesitan tarjetas de regalo y servicios para premios diarios para los maestros: regístrese en el enlace a continuación y planifique dejarlos antes del lunes 5/5.
- ♦ ¡[La inscripción para Giveaways está aquí!](#)
- ♦ 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!](#)

Actividades de fin de año de octavo grado

- ♦ Excursión al Parque de Aventuras - Martes 10 de junio
- ♦ Promoción de 8vo grado - Jueves 12 de junio
- ♦ Baile de 8vo grado - Viernes 13 de junio
- ♦ ¿Quieres ser voluntario? ¡Regístrese [AQUÍ](#) o imprima y utilice este [FORMULARIO](#)!



¿Quieres más información? ¡Escanee el código QR!