

Dr. Worthington's Message

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Last Chance to Order a Yearbook

If you want to make sure that you get a yearbook, you need to order it now — there are fewer than 50 copies left. You must order online at Jostens.com as we do not order extra yearbooks and we do not sell them at the school when they come in.

SSL News

The hard deadline to turn in any SSL hours done during the 2023/2024 school year is **May 31, 2024**. Please make sure to turn in your forms to Mrs. Paredes as soon as possible. **SSL hours will not count towards your record for any forms not turned in by May 31.** Any SSL hours completed between June and August should be turned in at the beginning of next school year. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Paredes at [Patricia T Paredes@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Patricia.T.Paredes@mcpsmd.org).

Student Kudos!

Congratulations to Andrew Civilico!

Andrew represented Baker Middle School and Montgomery County in the Maryland History Day competition on Saturday, May 4.

Andrew's project — "How Bobbi Gibb and Kathrine Switzer Smashed the Stereotype of Women Through Running" — earned first place in Maryland in the Junior Individual Website category!

Andrew advances to the National History Day competition in June at the University of Maryland. Here is the link to Andrew's website if you would like to read it <https://site.nhd.org/31112268/home>



Joint 8th Grade Committee and General PTA Meeting

Thursday, May 16, 2024 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Zoom: please see the calendar entry for May 16 at the right. Join us this Thursday for the last PTA meeting of the school year. **As all current board members will be stepping down from their role, we will need at least 3 volunteers to keep the Baker PTA running.** We will be discussing the open positions, as well as going over any last business before the end of the year. 8th grade families are encouraged to attend to hear about 8th grade end of year activities. We are in need of volunteers to help purchase decorations, set up the dance, and chaperone. We look forward to seeing you there!

Special Education Parent Involvement Survey

Make your voice heard! Your Opinion Matters!

Parents or guardians of children receiving special education and related services were mailed the *Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey* from the Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services during the week of February 12, 2024. Parents are asked to complete the survey and **return it in the postage paid envelope by May 24, 2024. The survey may also be completed online.** Please look for details in your survey packet. Your feedback will help guide efforts to improve special education and related services in your local school system. Your voice can make a real difference for your child and many other children across the state of Maryland. To learn more, please visit <https://www.mdparentsurvey.com>



Parents/Guardians: please restock your child's supplies — especially pencils.



Looking Ahead

May — Mental Health Awareness Month

May 13-17 College & Career Spirit Week

Monday, May 13

Mile Challenge — modified bell schedule

- 8:15– 9:04 Period 1
- 9:08– 9:54 Period 2
- 9:58–10:44 Period 3
- 10:48–11:18 Period 4 and Lunch 8
- 11:22–11:52 Period 5 and Lunch 7
- 11:56–12:26 Period 6 and Lunch 6
- 12:30– 1:16 Period 7
- 1:20– 2:06 Period 8
- 2:10– 3:00 Mile Challenge

Tuesday, May 14 — Primary Election Day

Schools and offices closed

Wednesday, May 15

Social Studies Testing for 8th Graders

(see page 2)

PTA Tom & Ray's Spirit Day Fundraiser

(see page 5)

Thursday, May 16

Social Studies Testing for 8th Graders

(see page 2)

PTA 8th Grade Committee Mtg, 7:00 p.m.

PTA General Membership Mtg, 7:30 p.m.

Both Meetings are Virtual

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/3825921718?pwd=UC9rYnZodFFrTUNGVEI5eUVM0JUJUT09>

Meeting ID: 382 592 1718

Passcode: 883846

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(Washington DC)

Dial by your location

• +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

Meeting ID: 382 592 1718

Friday, May 17

Hershey Park Music Showcase Field Trip for select Music Department ensembles.

May 20-24 — Book Fair (see pp 3-4)

Wed., May 22 — Awards Night, 6:30 p.m.

A Message from Mr. Moyler Regarding Testing

Your child needs to be present for all scheduled testing. Please avoid making appointments on these days and help us prevent unnecessary absences. You can also do some things to help your child do better on tests. Before a test, a student needs a full night's sleep, a good breakfast, comfortable school clothing, a little understanding if they're anxious or upset, and a reminder to charge their Chromebooks.

We know that John T. Baker Middle School's students will show what they know and can do. Let's work together to make your child's experience a positive and successful one. Thank you for your help and support.

If you have any questions or concerns contact David Moyler at 240-207-2440 or david_h_moyler@mcpsmd.org

SY24 Spring Social Studies 8 Testing Schedule

Day 1 (Wednesday, May 15, 2024) 2 sections x 40 minutes

Bells	GRADE 6	GRADE 7	GRADE 8
8:15- 9:05	Period 1/Announcements	Period 1/Announcements	8:15 - 10:43 Social Studies 8 Testing (Sections 1 & 2)
9:09 - 9:54	Period 2	Period 2	
9:58 - 10:43	Period 3	Period 3	
10:47 - 11:36	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4 - Lunch/Advisory
11:40 - 12:29	Period 5	Period 5 - Lunch Advisory	Period 5
12:33 - 1:22	Period 6 - Lunch/Advisory	Period 6	Period 6
1:26 - 2:11	Period 7	Period 7	Period 7
2:15 - 3:00	Period 8	Period 8	Period 8

Day 2 (Thursday, May 16, 2024) 2 sections x 40 minutes

Bells	GRADE 6	GRADE 7	GRADE 8
8:15- 9:05	Period 8/Announcements	Period 8/Announcements	8:15 - 10:43 Social Studies 8 Testing (Sections 3 & 4)
9:09 - 9:54	Period 7	Period 7	
9:58 - 10:43	Period 3	Period 3	
10:47 - 11:36	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4 - Lunch/Advisory
11:40 - 12:29	Period 5	Period 5 - Lunch Advisory	Period 5
12:33 - 1:22	Period 6 - Lunch/Advisory	Period 6	Period 6
1:26 - 2:11	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1
2:15 - 3:00	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2

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

Para leer esto en español, vaya a la página dos.



Hello Baker Bulldogs!

Summer is calling and you need books for Summer Reading! We are hosting a Spring Scholastic Book Fair during the week of **May 20-24**.

This time around, we will feature some teacher wish lists and promote our Summer Reading challenge with the students!

There will be a family event on **Wednesday** after school. We will stay open after school until 7:00 pm on May 22 for any community member to come and shop.

We also want to celebrate grandparents this Spring with our theme: **"Read With Your Grandparent"**! Choose a book that you will read with your grandparent this summer - buy your copies together at the Spring Fair!

Want to Help?

We need adults to help run the Book Fair again, so please consider volunteering. All we ask for is a little bit of your time and as a thank you, each volunteer will receive \$5.00 in Scholastic Dollars that can be used to buy books during our fair (PLEASE NOTE: limit of one \$5.00 certificate per volunteer & Scholastic Dollars CANNOT be used for online purchases.)

Here's the link to our Sign-Up Genius Form:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoD4CA8A62DABFD0-49490976-baker#/>



Check Us Out Online:

View the [online homepage](#) of our book fair for your convenience. This site lets you preview our books, sign-up for e-wallet, and shop online during the week of the Book Fair.

BOOK FAIR HOMEPAGE:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/johntbakermiddleschool1>



Video to Learn About E-Wallet:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/content/fairs/videos/intro-to-ewallet-fair-files.html>



And last but not least, please do not hesitate to contact me at Bridget_K_Friedman@mcpsmd.org if you have any questions.



¡Hola Baker Bulldogs!

¡El verano está llamando y necesita libros para la lectura de verano! Estamos organizando una Feria del Libro Scholastic de Primavera durante la semana de **20-24 de mayo**.

¡Esta vez, presentaremos algunas listas de deseos de los maestros y promoveremos nuestro desafío de lectura de verano con los estudiantes!

Habrará un evento familiar el **miércoles** después del colegio. Permaneceremos abiertos hasta las 7:00 pm el 22 de mayo para que cualquier miembro de la comunidad venga a comprar.

También queremos celebrar a los abuelos esta primavera con nuestro tema: **¡"Lee con tu abuelo!"** Elija un libro que leerá con su abuelo este verano: ¡compre sus copias juntos en la Feria de Primavera!

¿Quiero ayudar?

Necesitamos su ayuda para llevar a cabo la Feria del Libro nuevamente, así que considere ser voluntario. Todo lo que pedimos es un poco de su tiempo y, como agradecimiento, cada voluntario recibirá \$ 5.00 en dólares Scholastic que se pueden usar para comprar libros durante nuestra feria (TENGA EN CUENTA: límite de un certificado de \$ 5.00 por voluntario y dólares Scholastic NO PUEDEN utilizarse para compras en línea).

Aquí está el enlace a nuestro formulario Genius de registro:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoD4CA8A62DABFDo-49490976-baker#/>

Visítenos en línea:

Ver el [página de inicio en línea](#) de nuestra feria del libro para su comodidad. Este sitio le permite obtener una vista previa de nuestros libros, registrarse para una billetera electrónica y comprar en línea durante la semana de la Feria del Libro.



Video para aprender sobre E-Wallet:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/content/fairs/videos/intro-to-ewallet-fair-files.html>

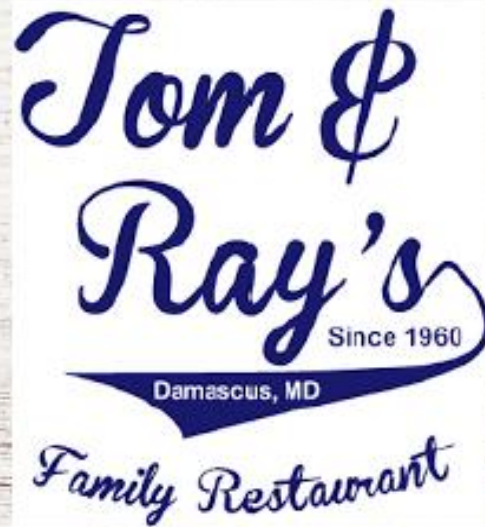


Y por último, pero no menos importante, no dude en ponerse en contacto conmigo en **Bridget_K_Friedman@mcpsmd.org** Si tienes alguna pregunta.



**BAKER
MIDDLE
PTA
SPIRIT
DAY/
NIGHT**

**WEDNESDAY
MAY 15, 2024
8AM - 2PM & 4PM - 8PM
DINE IN AND CARRY OUT**



**9805 MAIN STREET
SUITE 206
DAMASCUS, MD 20872
PHONE: 240-509-3300**

**MUST MENTION BAKER
MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA
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ORDERING.**





John T Baker Middle School PTA

8th Grade Promotion and End of Year Activities

Hello 8th grade families. This is your child's last year at Baker Middle School and there will be a lot to celebrate in June of 2024! We are planning now and need your help to make 8th grade events a success for our children.

End of year events and activities include a DHS Class of 2028 t-shirt for each student, the 8th grade celebration/dance, a class gift to the school, and the 8th grade promotion ceremony on the last day of school.

We ask that families contribute \$25 or more for each child. The money will be applied toward the items mentioned above and to make sure that *all students* are included, so if you would like to contribute more than \$25 it will be well utilized. We also ask that families consider signing up to help with various events and activities. We appreciate both your financial contributions and your time and efforts to help create wonderful memories for our children.

Please complete the form and send it in, along with your \$25 contribution, to the main office. Please make checks payable to "Baker PTA," and note in the memo AND on the envelope: "8th Grade Promotion." Return to Baker Middle School PTA, 25400 Oak Drive, Damascus, MD 20872.

If you prefer digital payment options, you can pay through PayPal by using [@BakerMSPTA](#) or by scanning the following QR code:



8th grade committee meetings are from 6-7 PM before PTA meetings. Please stay connected so you know what the plan is and to see how you can help. Email questions to the PTA at BakerPTA@yahoo.com. We greatly appreciate your support!

Your 8th grader's full name: _____

Let us know how you can help! Circle one or more.

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|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Dance/Celebration | Promotion ceremony | T-shirt distribution |
| Fundraising | Class gift | Committee Chair |

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Enclose your \$25 check payable to Baker PTA, and mark in the memo "8th Grade Promotion."



PTA de la escuela secundaria John T. Baker

Promoción de 8vo grado y actividades de fin de año

Hola familias de octavo grado. ¡Este es el último año de su hijo/a en Baker Middle School y habrá mucho que celebrar en junio 2024! Estamos planeado ahora y necesitamos su ayuda para que los eventos de octavo grado sean un éxito para nuestros niños.

Los eventos y actividades de fin de año incluyen una camiseta de DHS Clase 2028 para cada estudiante, la celebración/baile del 8.º grado, un obsequio de la clase para la escuela y la ceremonia de promoción de 8.º

Pedimos que las familias contribuyan con \$25 o mas por cada niño. El dinero se aplicará a los artículos mencionados anteriormente y para garantizar que todos los estudiantes están incluidos, por lo que si desea contribuir con más de \$25, será bien utilizado. También pedimos que las familias consideren inscribirse para ayudar con diversos eventos y actividades. Apreciamos tanto sus contribuciones financieras como su tiempo y esfuerzos para ayudar a crear recuerdos maravillosos para nuestros niños.

Complete el formulario y envíelo, junto con su contribución de \$25, a la oficina principal. Por favor haga los cheques a nombre de “Baker PTA” y nota en el memorando Y en el sobre: “Promoción de 8.º grado”. Volver a PTA de la escuela secundaria Baker, 25400 Oak Drive, Damascus, MD 20872.

Si prefiere las opciones de pago digital, puede pagar a través de PayPal usando @BakerMSPTA o escaneando el siguiente código QR:



Las reuniones del comité de octavo grado son de 6 a 7 p. m. antes de las reuniones de la PTA. Manténgase conectado para saber cuál es el plan y ver cómo puede ayudar. Envíe sus preguntas por correo electrónico a la PTA a BakerPTA@yahoo.com. ¡Estamos muy agradecidos por su apoyo!

El nombre completo de su hijo/a de octavo grado _____

¡Háganos saber cómo puede ayudar! Encierra en un círculo uno o más.

Promoción de baile/celebración

Ceremonia

Distribución de camisetas

Recaudación de fondos

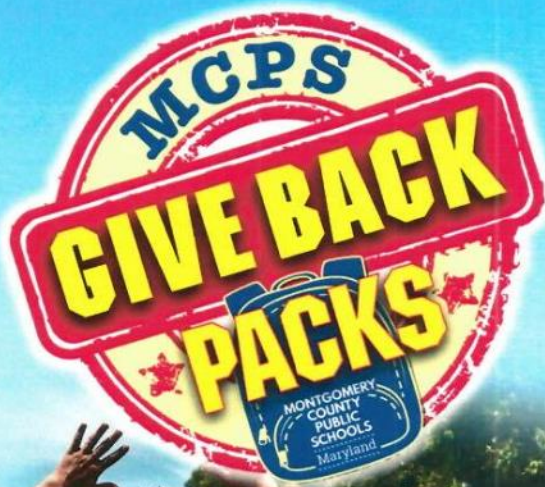
Obsequio de clase

Presidente del comité

Nombre: _____

Correo electrónico: _____ Número de teléfono: _____

Adjunte su cheque de \$25 a nombre de Baker PTA y marque en el memorando “Promoción de 8º grado”.



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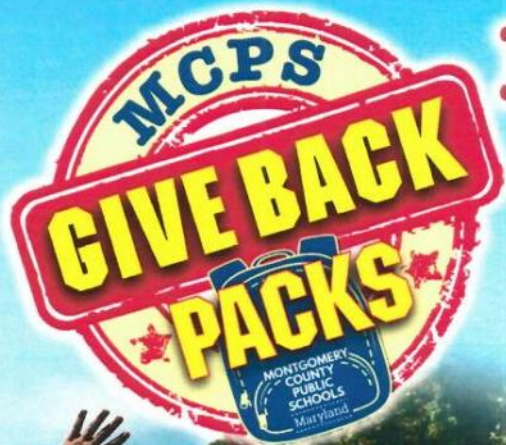
GIVING LEVELS: District **\$50,000** Cluster **\$25,000** Secondary School **\$10,000**
Elementary School **\$6,500** Grade **\$2,500** Class **\$300** Student **\$20**

\$20 provides a student with a backpack and basic supplies.

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Escuela elemental **\$6,500** Grado **\$2,500** Clase **\$300** Estudiante **\$20**

\$20 provee a un estudiante con una mochila y útiles escolares básicos.

Todos los donantes recibirán reconocimiento en el sitio web de MCPS.

ENVÍE SU CHEQUE A: MCPS Educational Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 1007, Rockville, MD 20849-1007

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FREE SUMMER CODING CAMP FOR RISING 6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH GRADE STUDENTS

Campers in the program will learn to code with Swift, Apple's easy-to-understand programming language used by professional developers to create world class apps. Students will complete creative projects with an established curriculum to learn Swift from coding experts.

Montgomery Can Code is an annual free and fun summer camp held in July and August for any MCPS rising 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students.

Learn More <https://www.montgomerycancode.com/>

REGISTER NOW

Sign up [here](https://forms.gle/bn7SKCwprTmXAErH6) or contact your school counselor.
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SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

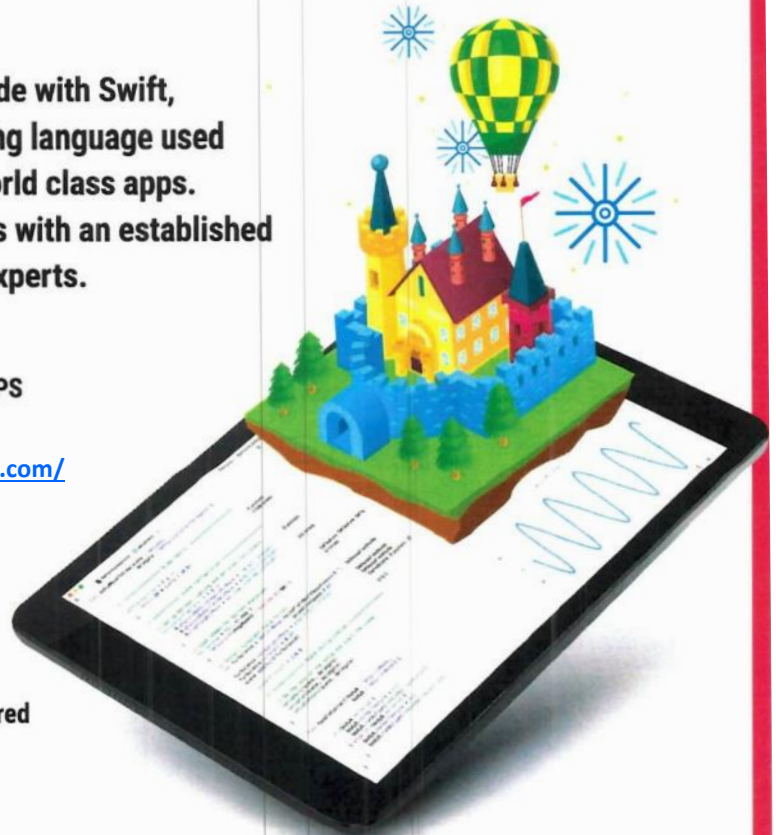
In-Person from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm (full day) offered at all three (3) Montgomery College campuses (Germantown, Rockville, and Takoma Park)

Boot Camp 1 – Monday – Friday, July 15 – 19

Boot Camp 2 – Monday – Friday, July 22 – 26

Virtually on Zoom from 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm (half day)

Boot Camp 3 – Monday – Friday, July 29 – August 2



For more information, learn more at [montgomerycancode.com](https://www.montgomerycancode.com)
or email montgomerycancode@mcpsmd.org

CAMPAMENTO DE CODIFICACIÓN DE COMPUTADORES DE VERANO GRATUITO PARA LOS ESTUDIANTES DE 6, 7 Y 8 GRADO

Los estudiantes aprenderán a codificar con Swift, el lenguaje de programación fácil de aprender de Apple. Durante el programa, los estudiantes completarán proyectos creativos con un plan de estudios establecido para aprender Swift.

Montgomery Can Code es un campamento de verano anual gratuito y divertido programado en Julio y Agosto para cualquier estudiante de MCPS que ingrese a los grados 6, 7 y 8.

Aprende Más <https://www.montgomerycancode.com/>

REGÍSTRATE AHORA

Regístrate [aquí](https://forms.gle/bn7SKCwprTmXAErH6) o contacta a tu consejero escolar. <https://forms.gle/bn7SKCwprTmXAErH6>

HORARIO DEL CAMPAMENTO DE VERANO

En persona de 9:00 a.m. a 3:30 p.m. (día completo)

Campamento 1 – Lunes – Viernes, 15 – 19 de Julio

Campamento 2 – Lunes – Viernes, 22 – 26 de Julio

Ofrecido en las tres (3) localizaciones de Montgomery College (Germantown, Rockville y Takoma Park)

Virtualmente en Zoom de 1:00 p.m. a 3:30 p.m. (medio día)

Campamento 3 – Lunes – Viernes, 29 de Julio – 2 de Agosto



Para obtener más información, entre a: [montgomerycancode.com](https://www.montgomerycancode.com) o en español por correo electrónico a montgomerycancode@mcpsmd.org.