

## Dr. Worthington Brock's Message

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### Meet & Greet Baker's New Principal

Join us on **Tuesday, May 28**, in welcoming **Mr. Sam Levine** who will take over as Baker Middle School's new principal on July 1. Please see pages 3–4 for details.

### Kudos to the Music Department!

Baker band, orchestra, and chorus members had a great performance field trip to Hershey Park last Friday! The morning began early with a 5:30 a.m. departure from Baker. Each ensemble performed for a panel of judges and then headed to Hershey for a great day of fun in the park.

All five performance groups were awarded superior ratings, which is the highest level attainable. The groups came home with two first place trophies and three second place trophies. Baker trumpets were awarded a best trumpet section award as well as the double bass section in orchestra and our chorus descant group.

Soloist awards were awarded to Serena Alexander, Johannes Flores Gonzalez, Adrian Lopez, Ava Rose, Christian Bazan, Bryan Hazelwood, Liana Khouri, Ari Eck, Henry Suschak, Kylie Gray, and KJ Hoople.

We are very proud of all of these groups and their dedication to excellence. And we thank **Mrs. Fell** (Bands and Orchestras) and **Mrs. Liuzzi** (Choruses) for their efforts in raising their students to these levels. Great job Baker Music Department!

### Important Notice from Baker Middle School PTA

Dear Baker 6th and 7th Grade Parents/Guardians  
**The Baker Middle School PTA is searching for our next PTA Board, which includes positions for President, Secretary, and Treasurer.** The current board members have students graduating from Baker and/or are not able to serve in their positions next school year (2024-2025). **In order for the PTA to continue our charter, we must fill these three positions by May 29, 2024.**

The PTA provides funding for staff appreciation events, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade field trips, additional funds for school needs, and 8th grade promotion activities including the 8th grade dance. Without the PTA, these activities would not be possible.

If you are interested in serving on the PTA board, please reach out to Rachel Sessions at [racheldreager@hotmail.com](mailto:racheldreager@hotmail.com) immediately. If we do not have any volunteers by May 29, 2024, we will begin the process of closing our PTA charter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Baker Middle School PTA

### SSL News

**The hard deadline to turn in any SSL hours done during the 2023/2024 school year is May 31, 2024. SSL hours will not count towards your record for any forms not turned in by May 31.** SSL hours completed after May 31, 2024 should be turned in at the beginning of next school year. Please contact Mrs. Paredes at [Patricia\\_T\\_Paredes@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Patricia_T_Paredes@mcpsmd.org) with questions.

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**Maryland Safe School Hotline Number**  
**1-833-MD-B-SAFE / 1-833-632-7233**



## Looking Ahead

**May — Mental Health Awareness Month**

**Monday, May 27 — Holiday**  
 Schools and offices closed

**Tuesday, May 28**  
 MAP-M (see page 2)  
 Community Meet & Greet with Mr. Sam Levine, 6:30 p.m., Baker Cafeteria

**Wednesday, May 29**  
 MAP-R (see page 2)

**Friday, May 31**  
 All Media Center materials to be returned  
 SSL deadline for turning in forms for FY24

**June 3–5**  
 Spirit Week (see page 5)  
 Hearing and Vision Screening

**Tuesday, June 4**  
 Town Hall Meetings with Mr. Sam Levine through PE/Health classes

**Wednesday, June 5**  
 Yearbook distribution to 8th Grade

**Thursday, June 6**  
 Yearbook distribution to 7th Grade  
 8th Grade visits DHS for orientation

**Friday, June 7**  
 Yearbook distribution to 6th Grade  
 7th Grade Field Trip to Medieval Times  
 8th Grade Celebration Dance, 6:30 p.m.

**Monday, June 10**  
 8th Grade Promotion Rehearsal and  
 8th Grade Locker Clean-Out  
**Emergency Virtual PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, June 11**  
 8th Grade Field Trip to 4th Dimension  
 6th and 7th Grade Locker Clean-Out

**Wednesday, June 12**  
**8th Grade Promotion Ceremony, 8:45 a.m.**  
 6th Grade Field Day

**Thursday, June 13**  
 End of MP4 and Semester 2  
 Last day of school for students – Baker dismisses at 12:30 p.m.

**Baker students' artwork and photography was displayed at the 2024 Artist Showcase at Westfield Montgomery Mall**  
 See page 5

**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. Your feedback will help guide efforts to improve special education and related services in your local school system. To learn more, please visit <https://www.mdparentsurvey.com>

**Meet the Coaches Night at DHS**

DHS Athletics will host a Meet the Coaches Night for all Fall sports on June 4. This event is specifically geared to incoming 9th graders interested in any of our Fall sports. There will be a brief general informational meeting at 6:30 in the Auditorium, followed by a chance for everyone to speak with the Coaches! Fall sports include the following:

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|---------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Cheer         | Football             | Allied Pickleball | Poms              |
| Cross Country | Girls' Flag Football | Boys' Soccer      | Girls' Volleyball |
| Field Hockey  | Golf                 | Girls' Soccer     |                   |

**Spring 2024 MAP Testing Bell Schedule**  
**May 28 & May 29th**

**Day 1 (Tuesday, May 28, 2024)**

Bells	GRADE 6	GRADE 7	GRADE 8
8:15 - 10:11	MAP-M Test 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

**Day 2 (Wednesday, May 29, 2024)**

Bells	GRADE 6	GRADE 7	GRADE 8
8:15 - 10:11	MAP-R Test 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 (Advisory Teacher for most).**



# Meet & Greet Baker's New Principal

Effective July 1, 2024

## Mr. Samuel Levine



**Tuesday, May 28, 2024 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

**Baker MS Cafeteria**

Mr. Levine will present a brief slide show introducing himself, followed by a Q and A, and a chance to chat.

Light refreshments will be served.





# Conocer y saludar el nuevo director de Baker

A partir del 1 de julio de 2024

## Sr. Samuel Levine



**Martes 28 de mayo de 2024 6:30-7:30 p.m.**  
**Cafetería Baker MS**

El Sr. Levine presentará una breve presentación de diapositivas presentándose, seguida de preguntas y respuestas. y la oportunidad de charlar.

Se servirán refrigerios ligeros.



## Spirit Week at Baker — June 3–June 7

All students and staff, let's end the year strong and celebrate this school year by participating in spirit week.

**Monday:** We made it to the end of the year team! Wear your favorite team's shirt, hat, and/or colors.

**Tuesday:** Last chance to have a battle of the grades by wearing your class' locker color! 6th is blue. 7th is red. 8th is green.

**Wednesday:** Wear rainbow or wear many colors to celebrate Montgomery County's diversity.

**Thursday:** Wear your best Damascus HS or Baker MS gear, such as t-shirts.

**Friday:** Your future is so bright! Wear bright clothing!

## Baker Students Artwork and Photography Displayed at Westfield Montgomery Mall

Congratulations to the following students who had their work displayed at the 2024 Artist Showcase:

### ARTWORK

#### 8th Grade

Adara Aggelis  
Serena Alexander  
Elaine Booth  
Aiden Ario  
Seren Ferrante  
Payton Kidd  
Ashtyn Manoogian  
Juilanne Ostrowski  
Matthew Robinson  
Adela Smith

#### 7th Grade

Aidan Aguilar  
Kaylin Bila  
Cruz Carbonell  
Kialee Barber  
Alisson  
Bello Luna  
Santiago  
Bello Velasquez  
Nikolas Filipovic  
Josie Gatti  
Meikho Koba  
Emma Panchura  
Jonathan

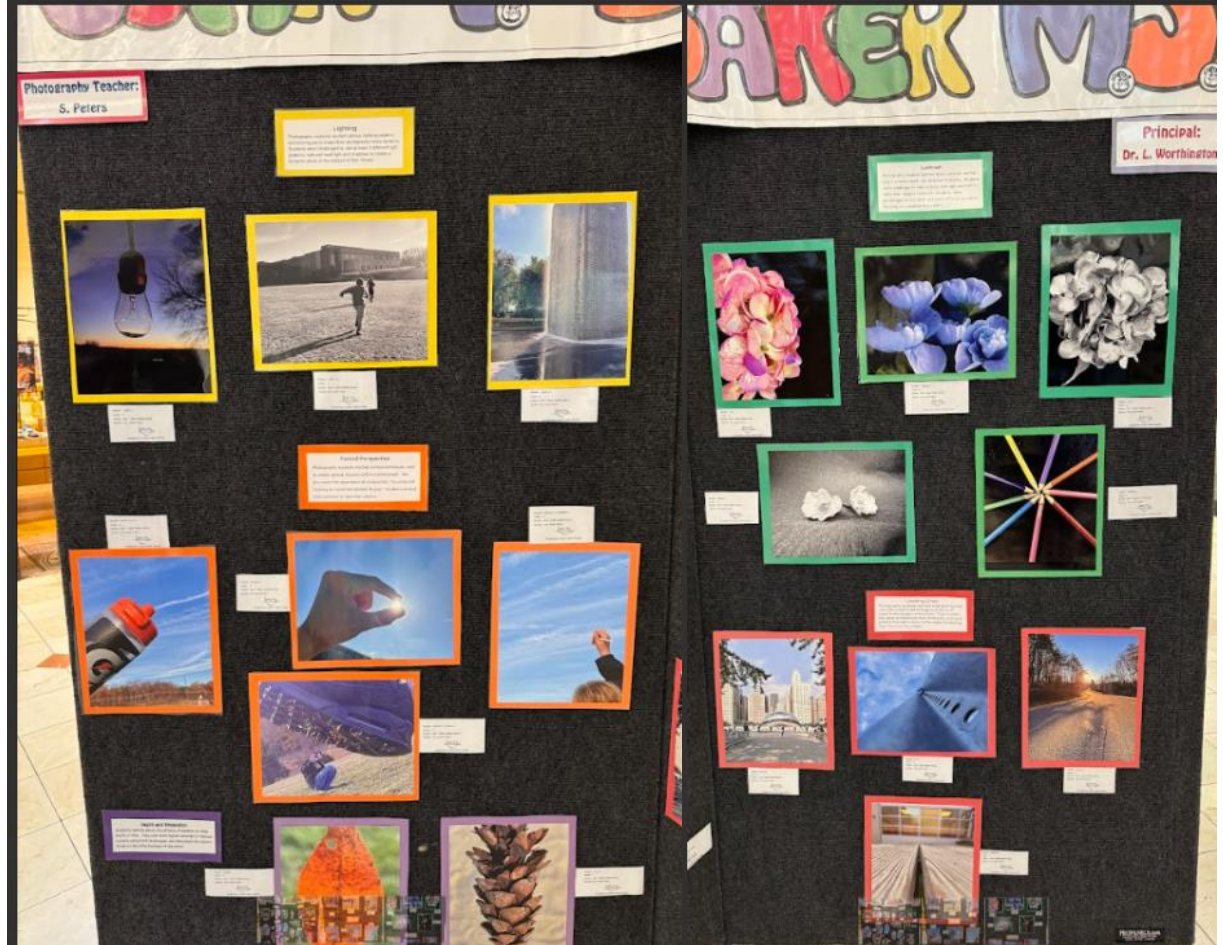
Ortega Ramirez  
Anna Salgado  
Jaya Tan  
Nhu Weir

#### 6th Grade

Madison Babcock  
Chynna Frost  
Sophia German  
Kellyann Kidwell

### PHOTOGRAPHY

Elaine Booth  
Tylee  
Plummer-Scott  
Naomi Watkins  
CJ Holland  
Nolan Cooley  
Ricardo Martinez  
Julianne Ostrowski  
Makayla Nunez  
Marcos  
Gonzalez Castro  
Jerson Chigua  
Giselle Juarez  
Torian Kelley  
Lexi Larche  
Beanie Biggs  
Dominick Christian





# 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

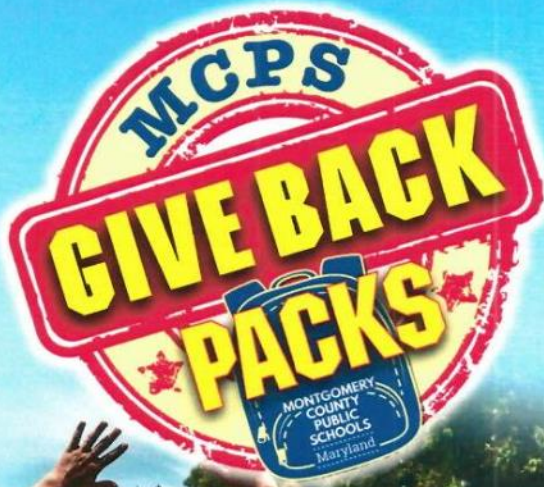
Obsequio de clase

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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with basic school  
supplies



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Elementary School **\$6,500** Grade **\$2,500** Class **\$300** Student **\$20**

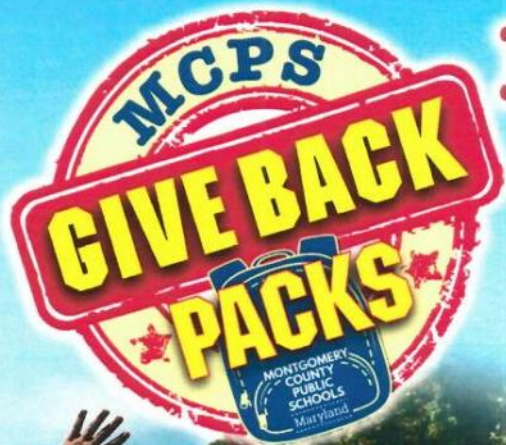
**\$20 provides a student with a backpack and basic supplies.**

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el costo de una  
mochila llena de  
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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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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

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## SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

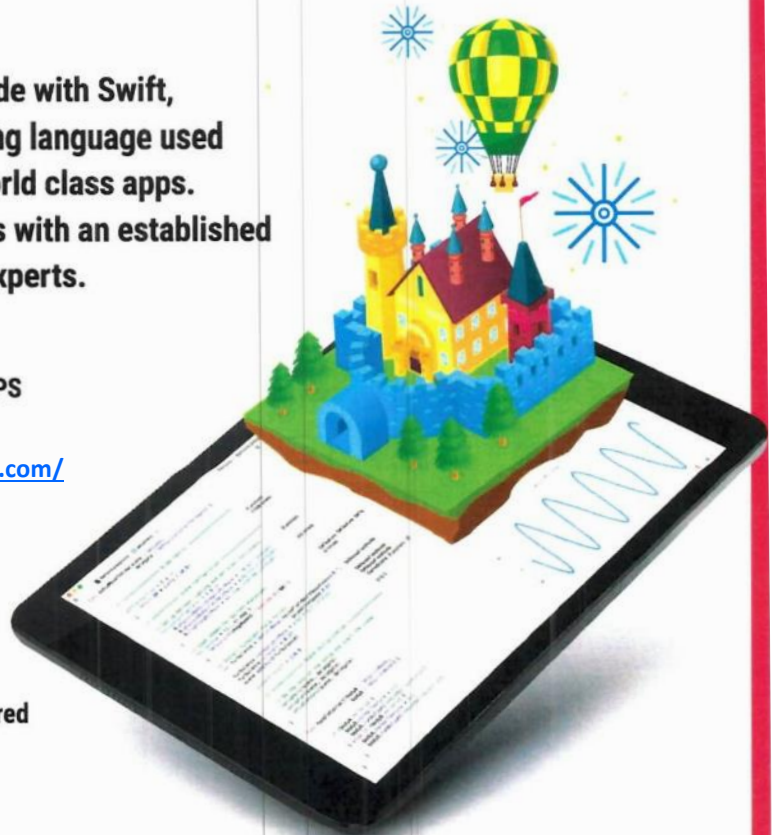
**In-Person from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm (full day) offered at all three (3) Montgomery College campuses (Germantown, Rockville, and Takoma Park)**

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](mailto:montgomerycancode@mcpsmd.org)

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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.

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## 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](mailto:montgomerycancode@mcpsmd.org).