

Mr. Levine's Message

Greetings Bulldog Families,

I hope this message finds you well.

We welcome all students, staff, and families to join us for the PTA Fundraiser at Ledo's Pizza in Damascus. Please see pp 3-4 for more information.

Come and hear our Bands on Tuesday, December 10, and Choruses and Orchestras on Thursday, December 12. The students have done a great job preparing for these concerts.

There will be no *Paw Prints* on Sunday, December 29, 2024 or on Sunday, January 5, 2025. The next issue will be distributed on Sunday, January 12, 2025.

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

Baker MS Winter Concerts

Baker Bands

December 10 — 6:30 p.m. at DHS

Baker Chorus and Orchestra

December 12 — 6:30 p.m. at DHS

Instrumental groups under the direction of Mrs. Valerie Fell.

Choral groups under the direction of Mrs. Kari Liuzzi



Looking Ahead

Tuesday, December 10 — Activity Buses
PTA Ledo Pizza Spirit Night, 11:00–9:00 p.m.
Baker Bands Winter Concert at DHS

Wed, December 11 — Activity Buses

Thursday, December 12 — Activity Buses
EML Guitar Club, Mr. Maddox, Room 134
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
Baker Chorus and Orchestra Winter Concert at DHS

December 16–20 — PTA Staff Appreciation Week

Tuesday, December 17 — Activity Buses
eSports Club, Mr. Conner and Mr. Maddox, Room 134

Wed, December 18 — Activity Buses
Winter Hat Day
Fidos for Freedom in Media Center
EML Guitar Club, Mr. Maddox, Room 134
NJHS, Mr. Conner, Room 209

Thursday, December 19 — Activity Buses
Winter Sweater Day
PTA Baked Potato and Chili Bar for Staff
Homework Club, Ms. Laraia, Room 227
Jazz Band, Ms. Fell, Room 107
Kraft Club, Ms. Ross, Room 101

Friday, December 20
Winter Pajama Day
Staff vs. Student Basketball Games

December 23–January 1 — Winter Break
No school for students

Thursday, January 2 — No Activity Buses

January 6–January 12
MAP-M and MAP-R Week

Tuesday, January 7 — Activity Buses
eSports Club, Mr. Conner and Mr. Maddox, Room 134
Workout Club, Mr. Fisher, Weight Room

Wed, January 8 — Activity Buses
Basketball vs. Clemente, Boys Away/
Girls Home

Thursday, January 9 — Activity Buses
Homework Club, Ms. Laraia, Room 227
Jazz Band, Ms. Fell, Room 107
Kraft Club, Ms. Ross, Room 101
Workout Club, Mr. Fisher, Weight Room



Winter Hat Day Wednesday, December 18

Students and staff are invited to wear favorite holiday or winter hats at school



Winter Sweater Day Thursday, December 19

Students and staff are invited to wear favorite holiday or winter sweaters at school



Winter Pajama Day Friday, December 20

Students and staff are invited to wear favorite holiday or winter pajamas at school



Staff v. Student Basketball Games Friday, December 20

8th grade Period 3 10:15–10:43

7th grade Period 4 11:05–11:36

6th grade Period 5 11:58–12:29



From the SGA

Friendship Dance

Parents/Guardians — the annual Friendship Dance takes place on **February 7, 2025**. Please help make this event a success by purchasing any of the decorations on this [wishlist](#) and dropping them off at the Main Office.

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.**



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](#).

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](#)

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>

Inclement Weather and Emergency Closures

The safety of our MCPS community is critical, and being able to communicate with students, staff, and families during severe weather or other emergencies is of the utmost importance. Use this [link](#) to find the ways you can connect with MCPS to receive emergency operational information from the school system. The current operating status options for the school district appear on the MCPS website and on individual school websites. In the event of a change in operational status, this [link](#) will provide more information about the MCPS Operating Status options.



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:

Tuesday, January 14

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

Wednesday, February 12

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

Tuesday, March 11

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

PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Amy Bartosch, President –
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Jaime Kemp, 8th Grade Committee –
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Visit our webpage!



Visit our Facebook Page!



Hello from the PTA!

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.)

DECEMBER PTA MEETING CANCELED – please update your calendars! LEDO Pizza Spirit Night is still on!



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

Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities!

Tuesday, December 10th

Ledo Pizza Spirit Night

- ❖ All day (11 am to 9 pm)
- ❖ Use code "Fundraiser" online or mention the Baker PTA fundraiser if dining in or calling ahead for carryout.

Thursday, December 16th through Friday, 20th

Staff Appreciation Week

- ❖ PTA will be providing grab & go breakfast items each day
- ❖ PTA will be hosting a Baked Potato & Chili Bar on Thursday, 12/19
- ❖ Please check our website or Facebook page for the SignUp Genius links for both events!



Want more information? Scan the QR Code!

Fechas y Contactors de la PTA:

PRÓXIMAS FECHAS DE REUNIONES DE LA PTA:

Martes 14 de enero

6 pm – comité de octavo grado
7 pm – reunión 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

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Visita nuestra página web!



Visit nuestra página de Facebook!



Hola de la PTA!

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).

REUNIÓN DE LA PTA DE DICIEMBRE CANCELADA: ¡actualice sus calendarios! ¡La Noche de Espíritu de Pizza LEDO todavía continúa!



¿Quieres ser miembro?

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

¡Próximos eventos!

Martes 10 de diciembre

Noche de espíritu de Ledo Pizza

- ❖ Todo el día (de 11:00 a 21:00)
- ❖ Utilice el código "Recaudación de fondos" cuando haga su pedido en línea o mencione la recaudación de fondos de la PTA de Baker si cena o llama con anticipación para pedir comida para llevar.

Del 16 al 20 de diciembre

- ❖ La PTA proporcionará productos de desayuno para llevar todos los días.
- ❖ La PTA organizará una barra de papas al horno y chile el jueves 19/12.
- ❖ ¡Consulte nuestro sitio web o página de Facebook para ver los enlaces SignUp Genius para ambos eventos!



¿Quieres más información? ¡Escanea el código QR!