

Mr. Levine's Message

Greetings Bulldog Families,

I hope this message finds you well.

Congratulations to our students who excelled academically for Marking Period 2. Across all three grades, 211 students earned a place on the All A Honor Roll and 560 students earned a place on the Honor Roll.

Please note that, even though there are make-up basketball games on Monday, February 10, there will be no activity buses. If your child wishes to attend the game they will need a ride home.

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

Revisions to MCPS Regulations

On December 23, 2024, the superintendent of schools approved for revision MCPS Regulation KBA-RA, Public Information. [MCPS Regulation KBA-RA, Policy on Public Information](#) A description of the changes made is available on the [summary of changes website](#), along with links to the policies and regulations.

Language translations are posted as soon as they are available.

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](#).

From the SGA

Book Collection — 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.**

Comfort Cases — The Baker SGA, with the help of the Baker MS community, is collecting the following items to create comfort cases (backpacks) for foster care students in MCPS until April 23. Drop off in the media center.

- Duffel Bag or Backpack
- Pajamas, Child Size 10 to Adult 3XL
- Blanket (no larger than 50"x 60")
- Adult Toothbrush (1 – 3 pack), Toothpaste (travel size)
- Shampoo & Conditioner (travel size)
- Soap or Body Wash (travel size)
- Deodorant
- Lotion (travel size)
- Stuffed Animal (12" or smaller)
- Journal, Pens & Pencils, Book

Baker students can earn up to 2 SSL hours if help pack the comfort cases after school on Thursday, April 24, 2025.



Looking Ahead

February —
African American Heritage Month
Career and Technical Education Month
Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month

February 10–23 —
PTA Fundraiser – Discounted Urban Air Adventure Park Tickets (see pages 4–5)

Monday, February 10 — NO Activity Buses
 Basketball vs. Neelsville, Boys Home/Girls Away
 PTA Executive Board/Principal Update

Tuesday, February 11 — Activity Buses
 Workout Club, Mr. Fisher, Weight Room

Wednesday, February 12 — Activity Buses
 Basketball vs. MLK, Boys Home, Girls Away
 Drama Club, Ms. Friedman, LMC
 EML Guitar Club, Mr. Maddox, Room 134
 PTA 8th Gr. Committee Mtg, 6:00–7:00 p.m.
 PTA Gen Membership Mtg, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

Meetings in-person and on Zoom

<https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/85601569113?pwd=Fd4X4T4qMIUcFN997gJFXr1QQZG4MT.1>

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Thursday, February 13 — Activity Buses
 Homework Club, Ms. Laraia, Room 227
 Jazz Band, Ms. Fell, Room 107
 Kraft Club, Ms. Ross, Room 101
 SGA, Ms. Blankenship, Room 233
 Workout Club, Mr. Fisher, Weight Room

Friday, February 14
 HBCU Fair (see page 6)

Monday, February 17 — Presidents' Day
 Schools and offices closed

Tuesday, February 18 — Activity Buses
 eSports Club, Mr. Maddox and Mr. Conner, Room 134
 Workout Club, Mr. Fisher, Weight Room

Wed, February 19 — Activity Buses
 Fidos for Freedom during lunches
 NJHS, Mr. Conner, Room 209

Thursday, February 20 — Activity Buses
 Lifetouch 8th Grade Panoramic Photo
 Basketball vs. Kingsview, Boys Away
 Girls Home
 Homework Club, Ms. Laraia, Room 227
 Kraft Club, Ms. Ross, Room 101
 Workout Club, Mr. Fisher, Weight Room

Sunday, February 23
 Last day of PTA Fundraiser

PTA Dates & Contacts

UPCOMING PTA MEETING DATES:

Wednesday, February 12

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

Tuesday, March 11

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

Tuesday, April 8

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

PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Amy Bartosch, President –
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Shannon West, Treasurer –
BakerPTATreasurer@yahoo.com

Stacy Smith, Secretary –
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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 PTA is looking for more members and parent volunteers for our upcoming activities! Please see the QR code below to become a member.



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

Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities!

Urban Air Fundraiser starts 2/10!

- ◆ Sale will run from February 10th to February 23rd
- ◆ Tickets will be good for a year from the end of the fundraiser
- ◆ Use the attached order form to gather your orders & collect money
- ◆ At the end of the fundraiser, drop off sealed envelopes with the order form & funds collected to the Main Office
- ◆ See our website's Urban Air fundraiser page for more information & an FAQ.
- ◆ More questions? Email BakerPTA@yahoo.com

Wednesday, February 12th

PTA Meetings

- ◆ 8th Grade Committee meeting at 6 pm
- ◆ General Committee meeting at 7 pm
- ◆ [Zoom Link](https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/85601569113?pwd=Fd4X4T4qMIUcFN997gJFXr1QQZG4MT.1)

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Want more information? Scan the QR Code!

Fechas y Contactors de la PTA:

PRÓXIMAS FECHAS DE REUNIONES 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

Martes 8 de abril

6 pm – comité de octavo grado
7 pm – reunión de la PTA

JUNTA EJECUTIVA DE LA PTA:

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Visita nuestra página web!



Visit nuestra página de Facebook!



Hola de la PTA!

¡La PTA está buscando más miembros y padres voluntarios para nuestras próximas actividades! Consulte el código QR a continuación para convertirse en miembro.



¿Quieres ser miembro?

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

¡Próximos eventos!

¡La recaudación de fondos "Urban Air" comienza el 2/10!

- ◆ La venta se realizará del 10 al 23 de febrero.
- ◆ Los boletos serán válidos por un año a partir del final de la recaudación de fondos.
- ◆ Utilice el formulario de pedido adjunto para recoger sus pedidos y cobrar dinero.
- ◆ Al final de la recaudación de fondos, entregue los sobres sellados con el formulario de pedido y los fondos recaudados en la oficina principal.
- ◆ Consulte la página de recaudación de fondos "Urban Air" de nuestro sitio web para obtener más información y preguntas frecuentes.
- ◆ ¿Mas preguntas? Envía un correo electrónico a BakerPTA@yahoo.com

Miércoles 12 de febrero

Reuniones de la PTA

- ◆ Reunión del Comité de 8vo Grado a las 6 pm
- ◆ Reunión del Comité General a las 7 pm
- ◆ [Zoom Link](https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/85601569113?pwd=Fd4X4T4gMIUcFN997gJFXr1QQZG4MT.1)
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Urban Air[™]

ADVENTURE PARK

Partner with us for

fundraising

at Urban Air Adventure Park

Ticket	Price	Funds Raised	Attraction Access
platinum	\$30	\$15 per ticket	Laser Tag, Flip/Spin Zone, Sky Rider + Ultimate Attractions
ultimate	\$20	\$10 per ticket	Wipeout, Ropes Course, Climbing Walls Leap of Faith + Deluxe Attractions
deluxe	\$15	\$5 per ticket	Pro Zone, Warrior Course, Battle Beam Tubes Playground, & Trampolines

Benefits:

- Guests get special discounted attraction passes
- Guests can come on a day that works for them
- Easily track the amount of money being raised

Restrictions:

Tickets may be redeemed Monday to Thursday 4pm to 8pm
 Ticket not valid on school holidays or during Spring Break and Winter Break
 Tickets are valid for 1 year from the end of the fundraiser
 Must have 501c3 status to qualify

Urban Air Frederick
 5830 Ballenger Creek Pike // Frederick, MD 21703
 UrbanAirFrederick.com





Montgomery County Public Schools **HBCU FAIR**

8th Grade Students & Parents Welcome!

**Over 40 HBCUs and
20 organizations attending!**

8th grade students and their caregivers will have an opportunity to receive information about HBCUs and planning for college during the middle school workshop.



**Friday, February 14, 2025
6:00-8:30PM In Person**

UNIVERSITIES AT SHADY GROVE
9630 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville, MD 20850

Please use the QR code or link to register to attend the HBCU Fair events
www.eventbrite.com/e/mcps-17th-annual-hbcu-fair-tickets-1058465973219

Registration will begin on Friday, December 13, 2024.

For updates on Colleges and Universities attending the event, visit our website at:
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/familysupport/hbcu/



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Change of School Assignment (COSA) Application Season February 3 through April 1, 2025

Student Transfer Application Season Schedule from the first school day February through the first day in April 2025

ROCKVILLE, Maryland – Montgomery County parents/guardians who wish to request a Change of School Assignment (COSA) for their children from their home school may begin the process during the upcoming transfer season; from February 3 through April 1, 2025.

Students in Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) are expected to attend the school within the established attendance area in which they reside (home school) or assigned in accordance with their Individualized Education Program (IEP). Students may apply for Change of School Assignment (COSA) from the home school, or the school of assignment through the IEP process, based on the following criteria:

- When a documented unique hardship is shown: Students may apply for a COSA when extenuating circumstances related to their specific physical, mental or emotional well-being or their family's individual or personal situation could be mitigated by a change of school assignment.
- When a family moved within Montgomery County who wish to continue attending their former home school may request a COSA without demonstrating a unique hardship. Such requests may be considered for a remainder of the current school year only, with the exception that students in Grade 11 or 12 may be granted a COSA to stay through high school graduation.
- When a student seeks to attend the school where a sibling will be enrolled in the regular/general school program, or a special education program, during the year the students wants to enroll.
 - ▶ When a sibling attends a magnet, language immersion or other application program at elementary level, a COSA may be approved to the regular school program for other sibling on a case-by-case basis. Such approval requires consideration of available classroom space, grade-level enrollment, staffing allocations, or other factors that impact the schools involved.

The criteria above regarding siblings do not apply if a boundary change has occurred or if the sibling is in PreK. Consideration will be given to school capacity and other issues that impact the ability of the requested school to admit new students.

The transfer process begins in the home school, where parents/guardians may request the *Change of School Assignment (COSA) Information Booklet through ParentVue*. *The booklet describes the process, and provides useful information. Beginning the first week of February 2025, the COSA booklet will be available in both English and Spanish. Exempt countywide programs that do not fall under the transfer guidelines are listed in the booklet.*

New for the 2025-2026 school year, parents must submit their request for a change of school assignment (COSA) online through their ParentVue portal. The parent making the request will be copied on an email notification sent to the administrative team of the student's current school shortly after the submission; this will serve as their "receipt" of request and will be sent to the email they entered when completing the online form.

For information about assignments for students residing in the Northeast, Downcounty or Middle School Magnet Consortium areas, please contact the Division of Consortia Choice and Application Program Services 240-740-7800 or visit the website at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/schoolchoice.

For more information about the transfer process, parents/guardians are encouraged to contact the principal at their home school. Non-english speaking students and parents/guardians who may require assistance may contact ASK MCPS to get the information they need by telephone at 240-740-3000. Telephone operators who speak English and Spanish are available from 7:30am to 5:30pm, Monday through Friday. Parents who speak languages other than English or Spanish who call the ASK MCPS telephone line and identify their language will have their questions answered through a telephone interpreter.