

## Mr. Levine's Message

Greetings Bulldog Families,  
I hope this message finds you well.

This Thursday is **Take Your Daughters and Sons to Work Day**. If you would like to have your child participate in this day, please complete the **permission slip on page 2** and make sure your child turns it in **by 3:00 p.m. on April 23**. As you may already have heard, due to the school closures on January 6–8 and February 12, **the last day if the school year will now be Tuesday, June 17. The last three days of school — June 13, June 16, and June 17 will be early release days for students.**

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

## From the SGA

**Comfort Cases** — collection of items ends on **April 23**.

**Baker students can earn up to 2 SSL hours for helping to pack the comfort cases after school on April 24, 2025.**

**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.**

## Middle School Art Show

Talented Baker Art students and Photography students have exhibited their work for many years at the annual Art Show. This year, the Art Show will be held at **Westfield Wheaton Mall**. You can view Baker's exhibits, as well as those of student from other middle schools, from **Tuesday, April 22, through Sunday, April 27**.

Thank you to **Ms. DiMisa** and **Ms. Peters** for all of their efforts in making this an opportunity for our students.

## SMOB Elections Coming Up

Students — make sure to exercise your right to vote on **April 23** during English classes for your Student Member of the Board. The elected student represents you on the Board of Education in Montgomery County Public Schools.

## SSL News

The **final day to turn in SSL hours** for service work done during the 2024–2025 school year is **May 30, 2025**. **SSL forms turned in after May 30 will not be accepted and those hours will be forfeited.** Any service hours that are done in June, July, or August should be turned in to the SSL coordinator in September. Please contact Mrs. Paredes at [Patricia.T.Paredes@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Patricia.T.Paredes@mcpsmd.org) with any questions.

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



## Looking Ahead

**April — Arab American Heritage Month, Autism Awareness Month, School Library Media Month**

**April 22–27 — Middle School Art Show at Westfield Wheaton Mall**

**Monday, April 21 — Spring Break**  
Schools and offices closed

**Tuesday, April 22 — Activity Buses**  
**Earth Day**

eSports Club, Mr. Conner and  
Mr. Maddox, Room 134  
Kickball, Mr. Ruocco, Field

**Wednesday, April 23 — Activity Buses**  
Administrative Professionals Day  
SMOB Election through English classes  
Fidos for Freedom in LMC during lunches  
Flag Football, Mr. Cummings, Field  
Kickball, Mr. Ruocco, Field  
NJHS, Mr. Conner, Room 209

**Thursday, April 24 — Activity Buses**  
Take Your Sons and Daughters to Work Day  
Flag Football, Mr. Cummings, Field  
Homework Club, Ms. Laraia, Room 227  
Jazz Band, Ms. Fell, Room 107  
Kickball, Mr. Ruocco, Field  
SGA, Ms. Blankenship, Room 233  
Soccer vs. Neelsville  
3:15 p.m. Girls at Baker (not home game)  
4:30 p.m. Boys Home

**Saturday, April 26 — Black Mental Health and Wellness Fair (see page 9)**

**April 28–May 1**  
**MCAP ELA Testing, 8:15–10:11 a.m.**

**April 28–May 2 — Scholastic Book Fair**

**Monday, April 28**  
PTA Spirit Day at Tom & Ray's  
8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. and 4:00–8:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 29 — Activity Buses**

**Wednesday, April 30 — Activity Buses**

**Thursday, May 1 — Activity Buses**  
Baker International Night (see page 4)

## 10% Off Lifetouch

Remember to Order This Years Pictures  
CODE: S25100FF EXPIRES: 7/31/25

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I understand that this will be an excused absence, and my child will have to make up any work covered on that day.

Parent name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Period	Teacher's Initials	Period	Teacher's Initials	Period	Teacher's Initials	Period	Teacher's Initials
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## Take Your Daughters and Sons to Work Day – RIASEC Activity

Directions: While you visit the workplace of someone in your family, fill out the form below. After you are finished the day, meet with Mr. Barnes, our career coach for a reflection. You can earn 2 SSL hours and a special gift for your work!

Where did you visit today?	
How many hours did you stay?	
Describe your visit in 3-4 sentences.	

### RIASEC Connection

While you watch/participate in the workplace, check off the types of traits or actions you see using the table below.

Realistic	<input type="checkbox"/> hands on <input type="checkbox"/> outdoors <input type="checkbox"/> tools/machinery <input type="checkbox"/> building/fixing items	Social	<input type="checkbox"/> helping <input type="checkbox"/> talking with others <input type="checkbox"/> informing/teaching others <input type="checkbox"/> taking responsibility
Investigative	<input type="checkbox"/> research <input type="checkbox"/> solving problems <input type="checkbox"/> making observations <input type="checkbox"/> analyzing information	Enterprising	<input type="checkbox"/> leading <input type="checkbox"/> persuading <input type="checkbox"/> energetic/excited about work <input type="checkbox"/> self-sufficient
Artistic	<input type="checkbox"/> creating/designing <input type="checkbox"/> displaying items <input type="checkbox"/> expressing ideas/emotions <input type="checkbox"/> reusing/reinventing items	Conventional	<input type="checkbox"/> structured process <input type="checkbox"/> organized space/time <input type="checkbox"/> working with numbers/details <input type="checkbox"/> careful, slow, methodical

### Your Reflection

Consider the six personality traits for the RIASEC code: R: Realistic (Doers) / I: Investigative (Thinkers) / A: Artistic (Creators) / S: Social (Helpers) / E: Enterprising (Persuaders) / C: Conventional (Organizers). Which traits best reflect the job that you visited today? Why? Also, explain which traits you feel work best for you? Why? What is something that surprised you about your family member's job? Explain.

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<p>PLEASE JOIN US FOR</p> <p>BAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL</p> <h1>INTERNATIONAL NIGHT</h1>	<p>POR FAVOR ÚNETE A NOSOTRAS</p> <p>BAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL</p> <h1>NOCHE INTERNACIONAL</h1>
<p>THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025</p> <p>6:00PM-8:00PM</p>	<p>JUEVES 1 DE MAYO DE 2025</p> <p>6:00PM-8:00PM</p>
<p>COME TRAVEL TO DIFFERENT COUNTRIES</p>	<p>VEN A VIAJAR A DIFERENTES PAÍSES.</p>
	
<p>TASTE FOOD</p>	<p>PROBAR COMIDA</p>
<p>HEAR DIFFERENT LANGUAGES</p>	<p>ESCUCCHAR DIFERENTES IDIOMAS</p>
	
<p>FASHION SHOW</p>	<p>DESFILE DE MODA</p>
<p>HAVE FUN</p>	<p>DIVERTIRSE</p>
<p>BAKER SCHOOL GYM</p>	<p>BAKER SCHOOL GYM</p>

# Hello from the PTA!

## PTA Dates & Contacts

### UPCOMING PTA MEETING DATES:

#### Tuesday, May 13

6 pm – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee  
7 pm – PTA Meeting

#### Tuesday, June 10

6 pm – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee  
7 pm – PTA Meeting

### PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD:

**Amy Bartosch**, President –  
[BakerPTA@yahoo.com](mailto:BakerPTA@yahoo.com)

**Shannon West**, Treasurer –  
[BakerPTATreasurer@yahoo.com](mailto:BakerPTATreasurer@yahoo.com)

**Stacy Smith**, Secretary –  
[BakerPTASecr@yahoo.com](mailto:BakerPTASecr@yahoo.com)

**Jaime Kemp**, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee –  
[Baker8thGrade@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:BakerPTA@yahoo.com) if you're interested.



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

### Spirit Night – Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> – Tom & Ray's!

- ◆ No need for a flyer or a code – just order from Tom & Ray's during normal hours!
- ◆ All funds raised will benefit the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade!

### Silent Auction is May 1<sup>st</sup>!

- ◆ Same night as International Night – attend both events!
- ◆ Willing to donate an item or a themed basket?
- ◆ Own a business that would be willing to donate a service?
- ◆ Talk to your kids & see if they'd like to donate a service – babysitting, lawnmowing, yard clean up, etc.!
- ◆ Please reach out to [BakerPTA@yahoo.com](mailto:BakerPTA@yahoo.com)!

### Staff Appreciation Week, May 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>

- ◆ Donations are needed for prize giveaways & lunch!
- ◆ Staff Luncheon on Thursday, 5/8
- ◆ Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve, and clean up lunch on the 8<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ [SignUp Genius here!](#)



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:

**Amy Bartosch**, Presidenta –

[BakerPTA@yahoo.com](mailto:BakerPTA@yahoo.com)

**Shannon West**, Tesorera –

[BakerPTATreasurer@yahoo.com](mailto:BakerPTATreasurer@yahoo.com)

**Stacy Smith**, Secretaria –

[BakerPTASecr@yahoo.com](mailto:BakerPTASecr@yahoo.com)

**Jaime Kemp**, comité de 8 grado –

[Baker8thGrade@yahoo.com](mailto:Baker8thGrade@yahoo.com)

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Visit 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](mailto:BakerPTA@yahoo.com).



¿Quieres ser miembro?

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

## Noche de espíritu – Lunes 28 de abril – ¡Tom & Ray's!

- ◆ ¡No necesitas un folleto ni un código: simplemente haz tu pedido en Tom & Ray's durante el horario habitual!
- ◆ ¡Todos los fondos recaudados beneficiarán al 8vo grado!

## ¡Subasta silenciosa el 1 de mayo!

- ◆ La misma noche que la Noche Internacional: ¡asiste a ambos eventos!
- ◆ ¿Estás dispuesto a donar un artículo o una canasta temática?
- ◆ ¿Tiene una empresa que estaría dispuesta a donar un servicio?
- ◆ Hable con sus hijos y vea si les gustaría donar un servicio: ¡cuidado de niños, cortar el césped, limpiar el jardín, etc.!
- ◆ ¡Comuníquese con [BakerPTA@yahoo.com](mailto:BakerPTA@yahoo.com)!

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

- ◆ ¡Se necesitan donaciones para los sorteos de premios y el almuerzo!
- ◆ 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!](#)



¿Quieres más información? ¡Escanee el código QR!



# Tom & Ray's

**BAKER MS PTA**

*Spirit Night*



*When?*

**MONDAY  
APRIL 28TH**

OPEN 8 AM - 2 PM AND 4 PM - 8 PM

DINE IN AND CARRYOUT

(240) 509-3300

[tomandraysdamascus.com](http://tomandraysdamascus.com)

Mention Baker MS PTA when ordering

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DINNER**

9805 MAIN STREET SUITE 206  
DAMASCUS, MD 20872





**JOHN T BAKER 8TH GRADE COMMITTEE**

# HELP US COLLECT ITEMS FOR OUR AUCTION!

**SILENT AUCTION INFORMATION**

We are collecting donations for our silent auction on May 1st. We are seeking monetary donations to purchase items and/or in kind donations from businesses and families.

**MAY 1, 2025  
6 - 8 PM**

Baker Middle School  
during International Night

**WHAT YOU CAN DONATE**

**AMAZON WISHLIST ITEMS**

Our Amazon Wishlist has items that will be used to create our auction baskets

**BASKET ITEMS**

We have a Signup Genius with all baskets we are hoping to build and what is needed

**GIFT CARDS**

Any denomination will add to our auction offerings!

**STUDENT DONATIONS**

8th Graders, we need your help too! Have artwork to auction off? Are you a babysitter, mow lawns? Donate your services and highlight your business!

**SIGNUP**

**AMAZON**

**CONTACT US TO DONATE:**

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baker8thgrade@yahoo.com  
Paypal: @BakerMSPTA

Donations needed by April 27, 2025. Got extra baskets? Donate them for packaging items.



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## MCPS Black Mental Health and Wellness Fair April 26, 2025

**Students!**  
Earn 4 SSL Hours  
by participating  
at the event.

*Let's end the stigma.*

*Let's talk about mental health.*

The Office of Well Being and Student Services in partnership with the Montgomery County African American Health Program will host a mental health and wellness fair to address the mental health concerns in the Black Community.

The Black Mental Health and Wellness Fair will take place on **Saturday, April 26, 2025 from 1:00-5:00 pm** at **Montgomery Blair High School, 51 University Blvd E, Silver Spring, Maryland 20901.**

A **free** event and

- Open to students, families, and staff
- Information about mental health and wellness;
- Workshops focusing on current issues impacting the Black community.

For details and announcements about activities, speakers, resources for students and staff, and how to join us, please visit

[www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/mental-health/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/mental-health/).

### TOPICS

- Mental Wellness
- Coping with Stress
- School and Community Resources
- and more...



**RSVP Here**





# CONVERTING FROM HEAT TO AC

## KNOWING YOUR SCHOOL'S MECHANICAL SYSTEM

It is springtime and schools will have their heating systems converted to air conditioning **starting in mid-April**. The majority of our mechanical systems provide both heating and cooling to MCPS school buildings. Therefore, twice a year, that system must be shut down for the seasonal changeover. This flyer provides information regarding that process.

### A Common Question:

*At my house, we just flip a switch and we have heat one day and cooling the next. Why can't you do that at our school building?*

### Response:

School mechanical systems are very different from residential systems. Boilers and chillers, known as central plant equipment, heat or cool water that is then pumped to the equipment that conditions air for your room. However, only one set of pipes connects the central plant to the room equipment in most schools.

When the chiller operates, the boiler must be physically disconnected by valves from the pipe loop. Similarly, when the boiler operates, the chiller must be isolated from the pipe loop.

Prior to switching the valves, the water in the loop must first be allowed to return back to room temperature. The boiler cannot be started with chilled water in the loop. The loop temperature takes approximately 24 hours to equalize.

Altogether, the complete changeover process may take up to two days at each school, during which time the building has neither heating nor cooling available. Please be prepared and **dress appropriately for the weather** each day; sweaters or jackets work well for chilly mornings. Maintenance crews will perform the changeover with as little inconvenience as possible.

### CHECK YOUR SCHOOL'S CHANGEOVER STATUS ONLINE!

[Click here to view the status.](#)

### GOT QUESTIONS?

*If you have questions or concerns about the changeover process, contact your school's assigned Division of Maintenance and Operations Service Center.*

[Click here to find your center.](#)