

BAKER HIGH SCHOOL PTSA

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome back! It's hard to believe that summer is almost over and that it's time for a new school year to begin. For those of you who are new to Baker, let me take a moment to introduce myself. I am Laurie Noll, VP of Baker PTSA and Chair of KBR 2012. I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to become a member of Baker Parent-Teacher-Student Association. Baker HS PTSA was chartered in February 2009 to support Keep the Ball Rolling (KBR). KBR is a parent-driven, parent-run after the Senior Ball celebration that offers a drug- and alcohol-free alternative for Baker High School Seniors and their guests. With the support of parents, community donors, and the Baldwinsville Central School District, last year's event had an attendance rating of 80% and more than 150 prizes were given away to Baker HS seniors. KBR has quickly become an event that seniors (and underclassmen) look forward to attending! **For the past two years, Burdick Automotive BMW, Ford, Lexus, and Toyota-Scion has generously donated KBR's Grand Prize...a certified used vehicle! I am very happy to announce that Burdick Automotive BMW, Ford, Lexus, and Toyota-Scion has generously agreed to donate another certified used vehicle for this year's event!** Additionally, Chris Hayden of Hayden's Allstate Insurance has agreed to again donate \$700 towards the purchase of a laptop computer package for 2012! We are truly blessed to live in a community where we can generate such loyal support!

This year Baker HS PTSA is looking to recruit both PTSA members and KBR volunteers. We are asking sophomore, junior, and senior parents to (1) join PTSA, (2) work the night of the event, AND (3) to help with the planning and other activities leading up to the event. By giving a little time, WE can all make this a special event that will keep our grads SAFE so they can all enjoy future class reunions. Even though the Senior Ball is nine months away (May 25, 2012), we need your commitment NOW to ensure success! What exactly do we need?

First – Please do NOT plan another party after the Ball. EVERY Baker senior is invited to KBR, even if they do not attend the Senior Ball.

Second – VOLUNTEERS are needed for all committees. Don't miss out on the fun and excitement of planning this year's event! Bring a friend and join us at our **first PTSA meeting**, which will be held on **Wednesday, 10/5, at 7 pm** in the **Baker High School Library**. Look for additional information about PTSA and KBR 2012 at *Senior Parent Night* on 9/13 and *Baker Open House* on 9/22. Can't decide which committee to join? Need more information? Call me at 635-2712 and together we'll find a committee that best suits your time and talents! Watch for additional information throughout the year on Baker High School's website. Click on the PTSA/KBR link to download membership and KBR Involvement forms.

Third–We need donations (MONEY and PRIZES). The party is expensive and we need 'seed' money to get it off the ground for 2012. Our goal is to have every senior leave the event with a prize. While there is a small admission fee (\$5) charged for KBR, which is included in the price of the Senior Ball Ticket (or purchased separately for those not attending the Ball), it does not cover all the expenses associated with the event...food, activities, entertainment, etc. If you can make a donation and/or would be willing to solicit a prize(s) from your employer, neighbors, friends, or family, please use the **Involvement Form** on the reverse side of this letter. We are looking for cash donations (\$20.12, \$20.13, \$20.14), small prizes (gift cards and gift bag/basket fillers), and large prizes (iPads and TV's). Checks may be made payable to **Baker High School PTSA**. Every BAKER senior who attends KBR 2012 is eligible to win prizes, however, they must be PRESENT to win.

Finally –KBR needs ENTHUSIASM and SUPPORT! Talk positively to your child, their date, and their friends about this event and URGE them to attend. Talk to other parents/neighbors/friends and ENCOURAGE them to participate and volunteer. While KBR is still a new event to Baker HS, events like it have been highly successful all over the United States. Our community, the Baldwinsville Central School District, as well as the NYS Departments of Education and Motor Vehicles, STRONGLY support community-based, drug/alcohol-free after parties. Statistically, these events save the lives of thousands of high school seniors across the country. Please help us continue to give Baker seniors and their guests a FUN, SAFE, and MEMORABLE evening! I look forward to meeting you at our first PTSA meeting on October 5th!

Thank you,

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