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Drug Trends: A Community Presentation

November 5, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Baker High School Auditorium

A FREE presentation sponsored by the
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The widespread availability of drugs and alcohol to youth poses immense challenges to our community. To provide community members with relevant and accurate information on today's drug culture, the Baldwinsville Central School District is sponsoring a very important presentation regarding this topic. On November 5, *DRUG TRENDS: What Parents DON'T Know...SHOULD Know* will be presented by the Institute for Training Professionals and Management (ITPM) from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Baker High School. The presentation is free and open to adults only due to the nature of the information that will be discussed.

Many parents don't realize the significant role they can play in preventing drug and alcohol use by their children, especially parents of children ages 8-12. They are unaware their children have been or will be exposed to drugs and alcohol at a very early age, and they mistakenly believe their children do not have the money to buy drugs. This presentation has been designed to dispel many of the myths of substance abuse with accurate and relevant information.

The presenters, Gary Metz, M.S.ED., M.P.A., CASAC, MAC and David Monk, M.P.A., CASAC, C.A.S., M.I., each have over 25 years of experience in substance abuse strategies. They draw from their extensive experience and education to deliver a relevant and powerful presentation. Topics they will cover include marijuana, inhalants, pharmaceutical drugs, and drug paraphernalia.

Please join us on November 5 as we come together as a community to learn about the realities of drug use. For more information, call Kelly Cary, school information officer, at 638-6180.

Baker Teacher Awarded Grant

The National Education Association has awarded a Learning and Leadership grant to Jessica Voigt, an art teacher at Baker High School. The \$2,000 grant will enable Voigt to travel to Bali, Indonesia, for two weeks in February to study Balinese painting styles, woodworking and batik, a fabric printing technique. She plans to incorporate the techniques that she learns in Bali into a painting unit with her students later in the school year.



Three Baker Seniors Named Commended Students

The National Merit Scholarship Program has named three seniors at Baker High School Commended Students, based on their scores on the 2008 PSAT. Gregory Johnson (left), Abigail Johnson, and Lisa Quinn placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students nationwide who took the test.

Community Budget Input Meetings

Superintendent Jeanne Dangle has scheduled several public budget input meetings in November to receive community input regarding the budget for the 2010-2011 school year. She would like to hear from community members regarding the allocation of district resources. The dates for the meetings are as follows:

4 Monday, November 9, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Baldwinsville Public Library, Community Room 1

4 Thursday, November 12, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Durgee Junior High School, cafeteria

4 Wednesday, November 18, 7:00- 8:00 p.m., Ray Middle School, cafeteria

Reminder: November 25 Sheltering Drill

The district will conduct a sheltering drill in all schools on November 25. This is a half-day for students in grades K-5 for parent-teacher conferences. Dismissal for K-5 will be 11:15 a.m. for the sheltering drill. This is a full day of school for grades 6-12. These grades will be dismissed 15 minutes earlier than normal for the sheltering drill.

Closings & Delays

As the weather begins taking a turn for the worse, please note that Superintendent Dangle will be using the ConnectEd telephone messaging service to alert parents and staff in the case of early closings, delays, and cancellations. If your child or children have had changes in their contact phone numbers or email addresses, please let the building secretary know of the changes.

The superintendent will also continue to announce closings and delays on the district's website on the home page and on the local radio and television stations.

1st Graders Cook Up Sweet Treat

Reynolds Elementary School first-graders Elizabeth Kraynak (left), Chloe Hamm, and Hannah Butler work cooperatively to prepare apples for apple-sauce. Their teacher, Shana Bach, used an apple theme to reinforce the curriculum in several areas, including ELA and math. Making apple sauce was the culmination of the first-graders' apple lessons at the end of September.



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