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Superintendent's Message

It is at this time of the year that I like to reflect on everything that I am grateful for in our school district. We have had many great student and staff achievements already this year, such as the boys soccer team winning regionals, girls volleyball winning sectionals, two of our teachers being named NYS Master Teachers, several students receiving music honors, and our marching band being invited to the 2020 Rose Parade. You can read about the most recent achievements in the district beginning on page 5.

I am grateful for many other things, but, because I have limited space in this newsletter, I can't mention all of them. However, I would like to share with you the top four things I am thankful for in our district: our students; our staff members; our parents, community members, businesses and organizations; and our Board of Education.

We are currently working on the development of the 2019-2020 budget, and we will be presenting the Board of Education with the details of each budget component, beginning with the Board's December 17, 2018 regular meeting. We'll be taking a look at the transportation budget that evening. You can find meeting dates for when each budget component will be presented to the Board on the Board's page of the district website, www.bville.org.

I encourage everyone to attend these meetings, at which we allot time for public questions and comments on the budget component being discussed. Thank you to the community members who volunteered their time to participate on a budget advisory committee this past fall.

This month, all across the district, our schools will present their winter concerts to get everyone in a festive mood. Our band, orchestra and chorus students have been working hard with their music teachers,

rehearsing for their performances. You can find dates for these concerts in our calendar on the back of this newsletter and on our online calendar.

As they say, it's the most wonderful time of the year! I would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season, and a very happy new year!

Sincerely,

Matthew J. McDonald, Superintendent

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In October, twenty-two students taking Production Systems and Materials Processing attended Construction Career Day, sponsored by the Syracuse Builders Exchange at the Fairgrounds. Students were able to see and try different construction jobs to learn about career possibilities. On November 9, which was a half day of school for students, we held a wellness day to focus on healthy physical and mental activities.

Principal Donald Root



Durgee Jr. High School

Durgee presented the musical "James and the Giant Peach, Jr." on November 16 & 17 in the Baker auditorium. Our students and staff worked hard to provide the community with a fantastic show. We have an abundance of talent at Durgee! Parents, I'd like to remind you of a page on the school's website that provides parents with a list of our teachers and how best to contact them, where to find homework assignments, how often to expect homework, etc. Visit the page at <https://bit.ly/2Q0TUhS>.

Principal Bonnie Van Benschoten

Ray Middle School

In October, Ray staff members kicked off their book study of, "Taming of the Team," by Jack Berckemeyer. At a faculty meeting, Mr. Berckemeyer joined us and provided staff with useful strategies to help us ensure the success of all Ray Middle School students. Our staff is looking forward to participating in the book study and using Mr. Berckemeyer's strategies throughout the remainder of the school year. For three weeks Ray held a winter apparel drive to collect items for children in need. The drive was part of our Positivity Project program and gave everyone a great way to show that #OtherPeopleMatter.

Principal Christina Louis

Elden Elementary School

In October, we began a wellness club, student council and a STEM club at the school, and we have had a tremendous amount of student interest. We also held a Little Free Library Celebration. Kate Zwecker, one of our special education teachers, wrote a PTA grant to promote reading through a little library. Students can pick a book out of the little library that is installed on the school grounds and then exchange it for another one when they are done reading. This is our second Little Free Library; we had the first one installed at Riverknoll in June. Prior to the installations, local artist Tony Thompson worked with students and our art teacher, Rob Loring, to design the artwork that decorates each little library. A big thank you to everyone who helped make the library happen.

Principal Thomas Coughlin

Attention Parents: Please Follow Bus Safety Law

Please remember that it is illegal and unsafe to pass a school bus that has its lights flashing and its stop sign out. Baker High School reports that cars have been entering the bus circle in the afternoon to pick up students and are illegally passing buses. For the safety of our students, if you need to pick up your child, please do it in your school's designated area. No traffic is allowed in our schools' bus circles when buses are dropping off or picking up students in the morning or afternoon.

Around the District



McNamara Elementary School

This fall, Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) visited our second grade classrooms to give presentations on watersheds and the benefits of trees. The following day, second graders planted eight trees on the school grounds, with the guidance of adults from CCE. This activity complemented the concepts presented in the Smithsonian science unit "How can we stop soil from washing away?" Students had so much fun with their hands on learning.

Principal Jane Nadolski



Palmer Elementary School

I told my students that if they raised at least \$10,000 with the school's Fun Run in October, I would let them slime me. I guess that was the best motivation because they raised over \$15,000! The money will be used by the PTA for student events and activities. The teachers from the classroom at each grade level that raised the most money got to do the sliming. I think they had a little *too much fun!*

Principal Alex Ewing



Reynolds Elementary School

We officially opened our new playground this fall with a ribbon cutting. Our newly established Student Council had the honor of cutting the ribbon with a little help from me and our special guest, NYS Senator John DeFrancisco. Senator DeFrancisco was able to get a legislative grant for Reynolds that helped to pay for the cost of the playground. Thank you to all of our parents, community members, staff and students and our PTA for your efforts to provide Reynolds' students with up-to-date equipment for their exercise.

Principal Melissa Chiodo



Van Buren Elementary School



This year's Fun Run at Van Buren was another great success, and again we focused on goal setting and achieving our "personal best." This mindset was certainly reflected in the total number of laps and miles our students ran. We had 502 students run 2,693 laps totaling 898 miles! In October, we hosted our annual Special Person's Breakfast. Our Food Service staff served over 200 meals! It was great to see so many "kids bring their adults to school," in the words of one of our kindergarteners.

Principal Danielle Nahorney

Alumni News

Alumni News

The following information and photos were submitted by BCSD graduates. If you are a graduate and have news you would like to share with the community, send it to kcary@bville.org. Please include your class year.

Emily Gell, Class of 2010

Emily earned a B.A. in international relations-history from Wellesley College in 2014. She worked at Legal Aid Society in New York City for three years. In May 2018 she earned a Master of Public Affairs with a concentration in data-driven policy from Brown University. She is working as a research analyst at the University of Chicago in the Crime and Education Lab.

Kristen Gell, Class of 2011

Kristen earned a B.S. in physics, mathematics and computer science with a concentration in nuclear physics from the University of Richmond in 2015. She is a solutions architect with Monument Consulting in Richmond, Virginia.

Chelsea Gell, Class of 2014

Chelsea earned a B.A. in art history and mathematics from Wellesley College in 2018. She works at Notre Dame of Maryland University in Baltimore as the development and annual giving coordinator.

Ryan Gell, Class of 2016

Ryan is a junior at Tufts University, majoring in economics and history. He recently travelled to Mexico to study microfinance and Rwanda to learn about the culture and genocide. He will study in London next semester.



The Gell siblings are (l to r) Emily, Kristen, Chelsea and Ryan.

Ian Coe, Class of 2015

Ian attends SU and hosts his own radio show on the campus. In September 2018, he travelled to Washington, D.C. with four other students to sit on a panel and answer questions after viewing a screening of "Intelligent Lives," a movie that stars three adults with intellectual disabilities who challenge perceptions of intelligence throughout high school, college, and the workforce. While in Washington, Ian met Congressman John Katko.



Baker Students Selected for Teen Art Council

Three drawing and painting students from Baker High School have been selected to represent Baldwinsville on the Everson Museum of Art's Teen Arts Council (ETAC). Congratulations to senior Allysa Barnaba and juniors Rachel Ragonese and Parker Wolcik.

The ETAC is comprised of students from high schools all around the county. It provides teens with an opportunity to work with an arts organization, museum professionals, and professional artists as they learn about future career paths and create relevant programs and exhibitions.



(L to r) Rachel Ragonese, Allysa Barnaba, and Parker Wolcik

Achievement

Marching Band Headed to Rose Parade in 2020

The marching band has accepted an invitation to participate in the 131st Rose Parade, January 1, 2020, in Pasadena, California. On October 24, Baldwinsville's Marching Band Director, Casey Vanderstouw, made a surprise announcement regarding the parade at an assembly of all music students from Baker High School, Durgee Junior High School, and Ray Middle School in the Baker High School auditorium.

Baldwinsville is the first New York State band selected for the Rose Parade in almost thirty years! Only 15 high school bands from around the country are invited to participate in the parade each year. The parade is an internationally recognized, invitation-only marching band event. Acceptance requires submitting a detailed application, video portfolio, photos, letters of recommendations, and a history of accolades.

"This is an opportunity of a lifetime for our students and our district," commented Superintendent Matthew McDonald. "Our students, staff, Board of Education, and community have worked hard to build and support the district's music program, of which marching band is a part. This invitation is a great honor and a reflection of the Baldwinsville school district community's commitment to music education and educational excellence. Go Bees!"



Drum majors Thomas Grindle and Viviana Vanderstouw

Two BCSD Teachers Are NYS Master Teachers



Erin Robertson



Kristin Zimmer

Governor Andrew Cuomo has named two Baldwinsville teachers New York State Master Teachers. Erin Robertson, a science teacher at Durgee Junior High School, and Kristin Zimmer, a fifth-grade teacher at McNamara Elementary School, are among the 275 teachers from around the state named Master Teachers this fall.

The New York State Master Teacher Program was established in 2013 by Governor Cuomo to identify, reward, and support teachers who teach math, technology, robotics, coding, engineering and science in New York State. This is the first year that teachers of grades K-6 have been included in the program. Master Teachers engage in peer mentoring and intensive content-oriented professional development opportunities and work closely with pre-service and early career teachers.

Is Your Info Up to Date in the Student Database?

If your contact information changes during the school year, please provide your child's school with your new information, such as address, phone number, and email, so that we have the correct information to contact you for routine matters and in an emergency situation.

Achievement

High School Announces its Baker's Dozen

The Baker's Dozen for the Class of 2019 are the students with the top 13 GPAs of their graduating class. Congratulations to the following, ranked in GPA order:

1. Sophia Simone
2. Griffin Seifritz
3. Michael Carni
4. Ryan Micho
5. Maura Bartell
6. Dana Prokop
7. Lauren Lammers
8. Margaret Wiegand
9. Maya Hewitt
10. Thomas Grindle
11. John Arvantides
12. Katherine Welcher
13. Abigail Contello



(Back, l to r) Lauren Lammers, Maya Hewitt, Sophia Simone, Griffin Seifritz, Dana Prokop, Margaret Wiegand, Abigail Contello, Maura Bartell, Michael Carni, (front, l to r) John Arvantides, Katherine Welcher, Ryan Micho, and Thomas Grindle

District Adds Two SROs

The district recently welcomed two new school resource officers, Deputy Katie Kruger and Deputy Brent McDonald from the Onondaga County Sheriff's Department. Deputy McDonald is located at Ray Middle School and Deputy Kruger is a floater and will divide her time between the elementary buildings. Both deputies will also be assisting our SROs in our other buildings if they are needed.

Deputy McDonald has been in law enforcement since 2002. He has worked patrol throughout the county, has been a field-training officer, and has trained and mentored new officers. He has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice with a concentration in psychology from Roberts Wesleyan College.

Deputy Kruger has been a police officer for 24 years. She was previously a school resource officer in the North Syracuse School District for over

seven years at the middle school level. She worked the past eight years in the Community Relations Unit as a car seat technician and instructor. She said she is thrilled to be back in a school setting as a school resource officer. She was raised in Baldwinsville and attended Elden, Durgee, and Baker High School. She received her bachelor's degree from Mansfield University.

The addition of these deputies is all part of the district's continuous efforts to make our buildings as safe and secure as possible.



Deputy McDonald



Deputy Kruger

District Conducting Kindergarten Census for Incoming Students

The Baldwinsville Central School District is requesting that parents of children who will be eligible for kindergarten in September 2019 participate in the district's online non-school age census by January 31, 2019. In order to be eligible for kindergarten in September 2019,

a child must be five years old by December 1, 2019.

This is not online kindergarten registration, but a census process to provide the district with the necessary information to establish a mailing list for sending out registration information to parents in February 2019. The

census is located on the district's website at <https://bville.schooltool.cnyric.org/schooltoolweb/onlinepreregistration/>.

If you do not have access to a computer, please call the Registration Office at 315-638-6044.

Achievement

Baker Students Attend Prestigious Music Conference

Eight Baker High School students were selected to perform at the prestigious NYSSMA All-State Music Conference, held November 29 to December 2, 2018 in Rochester, NY. Thousands of high school students auditioned for this honor last spring at solo and ensemble festivals around the state. Congratulations to the following students:



Band: Parker Bruce, alternate



Chorus: (Back, l to r) Madeline Butchko, Katrina Hays-Peterson, (front, l to r) Caleb Butchko, and Olivia Richards.



Orchestra: (L to r) Kaycie Romano, Sheng Huang and Joshua Tapia, alternate.

Jr. High Students Perform in Area All-State Music Festival

Twelve students from Durgee Junior High School and Ray Middle School performed in the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Junior High School Area All-State Music Festival, held November 2 and 3 at Ithaca High School. Congratulations to the following talented musicians:



Christopher Tapia,
Orchestra



Jayden Miranda,
Orchestra



Orchestra: (L to r) Isabella Nalli, Emily DeMarco, Lauren Millard, Lauren Gascon, Annalisa Arostegui, and Elizabeth Shepard



Band: (L to r) Trevor Stoyer, Kathleen Mullin, Liam Rausa, and Finnian Saarie

Athletic Achievement

Fall Athletic Achievements

The following achievements were provided by the fall coaches. Some information and achievements may be missing because they were not available/determined at press time.

Boys Cross Country

- ▶ Ranked in Top 25 in the state all season; Ranked in Top 20 for A schools all season
- ▶ Record: 4-2, dual meet
- ▶ Finished 23rd in Manhattan

- ▶ SCAC League Meet - 4th Place
- ▶ Section III - 3rd Place

All-League & All-Conference Honors

- ▶ Adam Davis, Colin DeLaney, Jack Michaels

Girls Cross Country

- ▶ Ranked in the top 30 in the state for A schools all season
- ▶ Record: 3-3, dual meet
- ▶ SCAC League Meet - 5th Place
- ▶ Section III - 3rd Place for A schools, 5th Place overall

- ▶ Section III, 5th Place - Justus Holden-Betts
- ▶ State Qualifier - Justus Holden-Betts

All-League

- ▶ 2nd Team - Justus Holden-Betts

All-Metro

- ▶ 2nd Team - Justus Holden-Betts, Olivia Creelman

Field Hockey

- ▶ Record: 12-4-2

All-League:

- ▶ 1st Team - Hailey Boda, Emma Brushingham, Olivia Wachob, Mackenzie Wodka

- ▶ 2nd Team - Madison Ascoti, Maura Bartell, Molly Huntington, Hannah Norton, Erika Van Slyke
- ▶ Honorable Mention - Bailey Nicholson, Leah Tuch, Claire Vredenburg

Boys Golf

- ▶ Record 9-4 (8-4)
- ▶ Season Team Average -193.2
- ▶ Winner of the 2018 Henninger Invitational Golf Tournament
- ▶ Recorded a team score of 174 (-6) in a match @ Drumlin's West vs the SCSD on 9/11/18
- ▶ Section III - 3rd place, team score of 393.
- ▶ Five players advanced to next spring's Section III state qualifier - Max Dec, who earned medalist honors, Matt Shipman, Aidan Farmer, Tanner

Glavin, and Carter Nichols

- ▶ News Channel 9 Byrne Dairy Athlete of the Week - Max Dec

SCAC Metro Division Co-Player of the Year

- ▶ Max Dec (34.5 avg)

All-League

- ▶ First Team - Max Dec; Matt Shipman
- ▶ 2nd Team - Tanner Glavin; Victor Ianno, Jr.
- ▶ Honorable Mention - Anthony Petragrani; Aidan Farmer

Girls Tennis

- ▶ Record: 5-5

The team played in the sectional semifinals, led by Brooke Tutor, Paige Tromblee, and Sarah Cavino in singles. Key contributors in doubles were Lauren Devine/Hanna Manning, Audrey Benton/Hannah

Gould, and Ella Tromblee/Regan Doan. Brooke Tutor made the semifinals at sectionals and advanced to the state qualifier quarterfinals. Lauren Devine/Hanna Manning, Audrey Benton/Hannah Gould, and Ella Tromblee/Regan Doan all made sectionals.

Girls Swimming

- ▶ Ashley Konz set the school record in the 100 yard backstroke (1:02.51)
- ▶ A third of the team qualified individually for sectionals

- ▶ All members of the team were able to compete at the sectional meet
- ▶ All team members had at least one best time this season
- ▶ Section III Class AA - 7th Place

Athletic Achievement

Girls Gymnastics

- ▶ Record: 2-4-1

Sectional Awards:

- ▶ 3rd place in the team competition among large schools. (5th overall in Section 3)

Level 1 Finisher:

- ▶ Bars - Maddie Brooks, 2nd alternate, State Qualifier

Level 2 Finishers:

- ▶ Vault - Abbie Donahue, 4th place
- ▶ Beam - Kaye Lawton, 3rd place; Abbie Donahue, 4th place
- ▶ Floor - Kaye Lawton, 4th place
- ▶ All Around - Abbie Donahue; 6th place

Level 3 Finishers:

- ▶ Vault - Lauren Addario, 2nd place; Mackenzie Teachout & Danielle Marsell, tie for 5th place

- ▶ Bars - Danielle Marsell, 3rd place; Lauren Addario, 5th place; Mackenzie Teachout, 6th place
- ▶ Beam - Lauren Addario, 2nd place; Mackenzie Teachout, 3rd place
- ▶ Floor- Lauren Addario, 1st place; Mackenzie Teachout, 3rd place; Maggie Walikis, 4th place; Marisa Moreno, 5th place
- ▶ All Around - Lauren Addario, 1st place; Mackenzie Teachout, 2nd place; Danielle Marsell, 4th place

Section 3 All-Star Recognition:

- ▶ Level 2 - Abbie Donahue, Vault; Kaye Lawton, Beam
- ▶ Level 3- Lauren Addario, Vault, Bars, Beam & Floor; Danielle Marsell, Vault & Bars; Mackenzie Teachout, Vault, Bars, & Beam

Boys Soccer

- ▶ Record: 18-1-0 (13-1-0 league).
- ▶ League, Section, and Region Champions
- ▶ 60 goals scored and only 2 goals allowed (17 shutouts)
- ▶ Did not allow a goal in the sectional tournament
- ▶ Beat rivals CNS and FM 3 times each (first time ever)
- ▶ New School Records
 - * 12 league shutouts
 - * 2 goals allowed
 - * 13 league wins
 - * Josh Price - 7 game winning goals
 - * Nate Hanna - 12 league shutouts
- ▶ Accomplishments
 - * Josh Price - Leading scorer for all AA large

school players with 17

- * Nate Hanna - 15 shutouts

- ▶ SCAC League and Section III Coach of the Year - Tim Scheemaker
- ▶ SCAC League Player of the year - Josh Price

All-League

- ▶ 1st Team - Alex Charest, Jason Hahn, Nate Hanna, Jared Kantak, Josh Price, Ben Rabe
- ▶ 2nd Team - Michael Allen, Connor Hamilton, Jake Way
- ▶ 3rd Team - Teklu Habtesion, Brennan Walsh

All-CNY All-Star Team

Josh Price, Nate Hanna, Jason Hahn, Alex Charest

All-State

- ▶ 1st Team - Josh Price, Nate Hanna

Girls Soccer

- ▶ Record: 6-0-2; Overall: 13-3-2
- ▶ League Champions
- ▶ Sectional Finalist

All-League

- ▶ 1st Team: Simone Neivel, Hannah Mimas, Kelsey Delola, Leah Burrer
- ▶ 2nd Team: Fallon Morris, Trystan Foglia
- ▶ Honorable Mention: Gwentyth Madden, Sophia Cavallaro, Sydney Smith, Peyton Doyle

- ▶ All-Section III: Simone Neivel, Hannah Mimas, Kelsey Delola, Leah Burrer
- ▶ Player of the Year for our league: Kelsey Delola
- ▶ Coach of the Year for our league: Kathy Morse
- ▶ Section III Finalist Sportsmanship Award: Peyton Doyle
- ▶ All-CNY: Kelsey Delola, Hannah Mimas, Simone Neivel

Cheerleading

- ▶ SCAC Leagues - 3rd Place
- ▶ 2018 Sectionals - 3rd Place

- ▶ Scarefest - 2nd Place
- ▶ Section III All-Stars - Myranda Dautrich and Francesca Naples

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Department Updates

Facilities Department Update

District to Submit Safety & Security Project to State in January

In May 2018, voters approved a Safety & Security Capital Project to make safety improvements in our buildings. By January 1, 2019, we anticipate submitting our project plans to the state education department for its approval.

Phase 1 of the project involves hardening interior classroom doors, including glass and new locks. We anticipate replacing 60 to 70 doors across the

district. In order to begin this process as soon as possible, we will pay for an expedited engineering review at SED. This part of the plan also includes changes to the Palmer and McNamara front entrances. Once we have received state approval, this work should begin in May/June 2019.

For Phase 2 of the project, we will use NYS Smart Schools money to replace video cameras and install ballistic film in build-

ings. We expect to submit these plans for Smart Schools approval by January 1, 2019. We expect it to take 18 months to receive approval, after which we will begin the work.

In Phase 3 of the project we plan to remodel the Reynolds, VanBuren and Elden offices to make them closer to the building entrances. The target date for completion of Phase 3 is September 2020.

Technology Department Update

Use of Virtual Private Networks (VPNs) Not Allowed in District

The district would like to communicate that the use of VPNs (Virtual Private Network) or proxies, on student-owned and district-owned technology, is a violation of the district's Authorized User Policy. A VPN or proxy is used to by-pass the internet content filter that all public schools are required to have in place, as directed by the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA).

A VPN or proxy can be an app on a smart phone, tablet or other internet-enabled device. It can also be a website URL. When the district's

content filter detects the use of a VPN or proxy on a student-owned device, the device is immediately locked-out from using the district's public Wi-Fi network until the student is spoken to by an administrator, who will determine the severity of the violation and the consequences as outlined in the Code of Conduct. If a student attempts to use a VPN or proxy on a district-owned device, the district will disable his/her user account until the same investigation is conducted. Parents, please share this information with your child.

Athletic Achievement, Continued from page 9

Boys Volleyball

- ▶ Record: 12-4
- ▶ Section III Championships - 2nd Place

▶ Team was led by seniors Tyler Padrao, Luc Jerome, Tom Higman, David Cornell, and Connor Garvey

Girls Volleyball

- ▶ Record: 16-0
- ▶ Section III Champions, 11th consecutive year and

21st time
▶ SCAC League Champions, 22nd time

Football

▶ League Record 1-4; Overall Record 4-5
The Bees had a tough road in Section III Class AA. The season was better than the record indicated, ending with two big wins over Nottingham and Henninger. Tough early season losses to West Genesee and CNS (who eventually played each

other for the Section III Title) were defining moments in the Bees' season. There were outstanding performances all season long by seniors John Hernandez, Billy Loadwick, and Alex Hiltbrandt. Juniors who will return in 2019 to make a great nucleus are Mike Letizia, Zach Moore, Bradon McCard, and Pat May.

Board of Education Updates

Board of Education Highlights, October & November 2018

The following are highlights from Board of Education regular meetings held in the month of October and for the November 5 Board meeting. You can access meeting agendas, minutes and related documents on our website at <http://boarddocs.cnyric.org/bville/Board.nsf/Public>.

October 1, 2018

For the Board Spotlight, the Board attended the official ribbon cutting of the redesigned Durgee Junior High Library Lab and honored the students who created the new design.

The Board heard the following reports:

- ▶ Stuff a Bus Presentation
- ▶ Baldwinsville OCM BOCES Summer School
- ▶ McNamara 2018-19 Strategic Action Plan
- ▶ Durgee 2018-19 Strategic Plan
- ▶ Extended School Year 2017-18

Several district policies were presented to the Board for a first reading with revisions, and several were presented for a second reading.

October 22, 2018

In observance of New York State School Board Recognition Week, October 22-26, the district and each of its schools recognized board members for their leadership and commitment to the district. Each school presented the Board with a gift, a musical performance, or a video to show their appreciation.

Reports were presented on the following:

- ▶ Update on Funding the Future
- ▶ Capital Project Update
- ▶ Enrollment (BEDS Data) w/Projections
- ▶ Strategic Action Plans from Baker and Reynolds

The Board reviewed several policies for first and second readings and heard proposals for two new courses at Baker High School – Cybersecurity and Interpretation of Film. The Board approved the addition of these courses.

The Board authorized the superintendent to execute on its behalf the collective bargaining agreement between the district and the Baldwinsville

Association of Principals and Instructional Supervisors (BAPIS) for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022. The Board also approved the funding of the collective bargaining agreement between the district and BAPIS for that period.

November 5, 2018

During the Board Spotlight, the Board honored students who are National Merit Commended Students and a National Merit Semifinalist, as well as two teachers who were named NYS Master Teachers.

The Board heard the following reports:

- ▶ External Auditor's Report
- ▶ Therapy Dog Update
- ▶ Ray Middle School's and Palmer Elementary School's Strategic Action Plans

Several policies were presented to the Board for a first reading.



A McNamara Elementary School student presents board member Kim Sullivan-Dec with a note of appreciation at the October 22, 2018 Board of Education meeting.

School News For
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CALENDAR

All events are subject to change and cancellation.
Please check with your school for the most current
information.

Dec. 3	Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m., Durgee Cafeteria
Dec. 4	Winter Concert - Durgee Orchestra & Baker & Durgee Chamber Ensembles, 7 p.m., Baker Auditorium
Dec. 5	Baker Choral Winter Concert, 7 p.m., Baker Auditorium
Dec. 6	Elden Winter Concert, Grades 4 & 5, 6:30 p.m. @ Elden
Dec. 8	Baker Semi-Formal, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Dec. 10	Van Buren Holiday Concert, 6:30 p.m. @ Van Buren
Dec. 11	McNamara Winter Concert, 6:30 p.m. @ McNamara
Dec. 12	Palmer Winter Concert, 6:30 p.m. @ Palmer
Dec. 13	Reynolds Winter Concert, 6 p.m. @ Reynolds
Dec. 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Company B Jingle Jam, 7 p.m., Auditorium ▶ Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m., Durgee Cafeteria
Dec. 18	Ray 6th Grade Winter Concert, 7 p.m., Baker Auditorium
Dec. 19	Ray 7th Grade Winter Concert, 7 p.m., Baker Auditorium
Dec. 21 - Jan. 1	NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break

Opt In to Receive District Text Messages

We use the School Messenger Notification System to send important notifications, as well as emergency messages, to parents and staff. Messages are sent automatically via the telephone and email. Did you know you can also opt in to receive these notifications as text messages? To opt in to receive text messages, provide your child's school with your cell phone number for the school database. Once your cell phone number is added to the school database, text the word YES to 68453 from your wireless device. You should receive an opt in confirmation message. Please note that the district does not pay for text message charges that may be incurred by you for sending or receiving messages. Check with your wireless carrier for possible charges.

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