



THE VIRTUAL TIMES



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Season's Greetings to All C.W. Baker High Students , Staff, and Families,

The end of this week marks the end of the 5 week interim of the 2nd marking period. I know I say it often, but the year is flying by! We greatly appreciate you taking time to review the pages of our newsletter, and hope that you enjoy seeing some of the great moments that our students and staff have shared together in the last couple of weeks. I would like to give a special shout-out to Assistant Principal Mrs. Medwid, our VT "Editor-in Chief," who makes each issue happen!

I also want to take a moment to express gratitude for all of the generosity that exists in our school community. From the volunteers and families that support the Christmas Bureau, the C.W. Baker Holiday Helpers program overseen by Assistant Principal Jennifer Terpening, The Tech Department's work with students to design and build toys to donate, and our Bee Full Food Pantry, overseen by Mrs. Vredenberg and previously by Mrs. Heaton. What is accomplished for our students and children in the District through the generosity of students, staff, and families throughout our community is something very special.

This week Mrs. McRobbie, Mrs Terpening, and Mrs. Medwid spread joy in the cafeteria with seasonal trivia and yesterday, as seen in some of the photos shared, the students and staff were able to enjoy traditional music shared by members of the Baker High chorus, directed by Mr. Keating. As I walked around the building yesterday, I was reminded how grateful I am to be a part of such an amazing school community!

We also understand that while there is much to celebrate, the holidays can be difficult for many in our community. Student and family struggles don't take a break. Please know that we are always a resource for our students and families, but if you ever feel that there is any question about someone being in a state of emotional crisis, please play it safe and dial 911 for the quickest response and as the best method for ensuring someone's safety and well being.

There will be student athletic events and the Bees Pep Band playing at the JMA Wireless Dome to enjoy over break, so make sure you get out there and cheer on our BEES! Thank you for your support, have a peaceful holiday and the happiest and healthiest of New Years!

Gratefully,

Kris
Kris H. Denton, Principal

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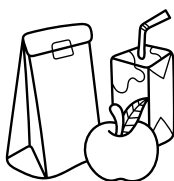
IMPORTANT UPDATES



The 15 week checkpoint for grades was December 15. Please visit schooltool to check on student progress reports and contact teachers with any questions. Administrators and Counselors will meet and discuss additional student supports that may need to be put into place.



Counselors started to meet with 10th grade students to select course selections for 11th grade. These meetings will continue through the month of January. Please see the [counseling page](#) for more information.



Starting in January, all Baker High School students will receive free breakfast and free lunch. More information about this program is available [here](#). My School Bucks accounts can still be used in our cafe and for a la carte purchases. If any students have balances on their accounts, it is still expected that families will pay to cover the cost of previous purchases.



The Baker Winter Concert was Monday, December 18. If you missed it, click [here](#) to enjoy this beautiful night of music featuring our chorus, orchestra, and band.



Yearbook - What happened on the first day of school? Don't remember already? Buy a yearbook at jostensyearbooks.com.

We'll jog your memory in the spring and for the rest of your life. Yearbooks make a great holiday gift! Don't delay, order today!



Check it out: This edition also includes information on financial aid, the free lunch program, and fundraising and scholarship opportunities.



Upcoming Events

- Jan 8 - 7pm Honors Vocal Singer/Songwriter Concert
- Jan 8 - 7pm Board of Education meeting
- Jan 9 - 7pm Instrumental Honors Concert
- Jan 23-26 - Regents Exams
- Jan 26 - End of MP 2
- Jan 31 - 6pm Community Cafe

SYRACUSE BASKETBALL '23-24

BALDWINVILLE PEP BAND RETURNS TO THE DOME!

SYRACUSE	VS	PITTSBURGH
Men's Team: DECEMBER 30, 2023 - 7:00 PM, CW Network		
SYRACUSE	VS	NOTRE DAME
Women's Team: DECEMBER 31, 2023 - 2:00 PM, ACC Network		
SYRACUSE	VS	BOSTON COLLEGE
Men's Team: JANUARY 10, 2024 - 9:00 PM, ACC Network		
SYRACUSE	VS	CLEMSON
Women's Team: JANUARY 14, 2024 - 2:00 PM, ACCNX		

TICKETS:

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THANK YOU!
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This holiday season Kiwanis has contributed to the BeeFull Food Pantry and the Holiday Program for a total of \$2,500. Both of these programs support students and families year-round. Thank you for your continued support!



WISHING YOU

joy

THIS HOLIDAY SEASON AND THROUGHOUT 2024!

THE STUDENT SECTION



Congratulations to PE Teacher Bill Spicer, who is an assistant football coach at Cortland, and 2023 Grad Kaleb Paul for their D3 National Championship Victory!



Tristan Durkin recently competed at the annual Cobra Challenge Fencing Tournament in NYC. He finished 7th place overall in event among competitors from all over the U.S. and Canada. Tristan has qualified to compete in the 2024 USA Fencing Junior Olympics that will be held in Charlotte this coming February.



Senior swimmer Mikey White (pictured with his Mom) went 21.99 to qualify for States in the 50 free and 52.67 in the 100 fly setting a pool record and qualifying for states in a 4th event!



Thank you to Mrs. Rooney's Classes for packing the Holiday bags for our BeeFull Pantry



Do you know a student who had a major accomplishment outside of school? Share with Mrs. Medwid - jmedwid@bville.org. We would love to feature it here on the page.



COUNSELING OFFICE UPDATES

2024-25 Student Schedules

Counselors will start meeting with 10th grade students the week of December 4 to select course selections for 11th grade. These meetings will continue through the month of January.



It is always helpful for students and families to have a conversation about course selections prior to meeting with their counselor. [CLICK HERE](#) to review the course catalog. Students are expected to select 6.5 credits. Please note there may be a few new classes added to the course catalog that we will discuss with your student. Please contact your student's school counselor with any questions.

CLICK HERE FOR ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL AID UPDATES

INFORMATION FROM HESC FOR THE TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND OTHER FASFA NEWS

FASFA INFORMATION:

The FAFSA will be available for students/parents to fill out before December 31, 2023. You can get your FSA ID NOW so you are ready to go when the site is active.

CLICK HERE 

IMPORTANT!

*DO NOT USE BVILLE.ORG EMAIL

*YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS AND MOBILE PHONE NUMBER CAN ONLY BE ASSOCIATED WITH 1 ID. THE STUDENT MUST MAKE THEIR OWN FSA ID

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Scholarship notifications are posted outside of the CRC and updated on google classroom. Mrs. Marra in the CRC can help you find scholarships that you qualify for. Anything from the Virtual Times is [archived here](#).

PERMIT TEST

Thinking about taking your permit test? It's free in the CRC! Stop in or email the CRC to schedule an appointment and pick up a study booklet.

CONTACT US:

Counseling Office
[Webpage](#)
315-638-6028/6027



Scholarship Program

James Suriano & Wayne King Community Service Scholarship

One scholarship opportunity to be awarded to a graduating high school senior or currently enrolled college student in a two- or four-year accredited educational institution.

1 Scholarship Winner - \$5,000 for up to 4 years.

Deadline: 2/29/2024

NYCUA Scholarships

Graduating high school students who are attending a two- or four-year accredited educational institution or a trade/vocational school are eligible to apply!

Up to 25 Scholarship Winners - \$1,000 each. Opportunity to be awarded additional scholarship by NYCUA as part of your submission. Contact SFCU for verification code.

Deadline: 01/05/2024

Just another way SFCU is supporting the communities we serve and maintaining our commitment to financial wellness and education.

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 scholarships@sidneyfcu.org

 sfcuonline.org/scholarships

Membership eligibility required



Baldwinsville Community Hall of Fame For Visual and Performing Arts

The Baldwinsville Community Hall of Fame is accepting nominations for the 2024 year. We would like to continue celebrating outstanding alumni, staff, or community members of the Baldwinsville Central School District who have “excelled in the arts and whose accomplishments serve as both an inspiration to the youth of today and as edification to the people of the Baldwinsville community.” If you would like to nominate a person, please go to our website and submit a nomination form. Applications are due by December 31, 2023.

The 2023 honorees were Jay Ashby, Evelyn Mercer, Frank Cammuso, James Kryshak, Gina Lamparella, and Norman Wanzer.

<http://bvilleartshalloffame.org>



BAKER HIGH CLASS OF 2024

Night at the Syracuse Crunch



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

vs Rochester Americans

7 p.m. | Upstate Medical University Arena

TICKETS ONLY
\$20*

*Additional fees may apply

TO ORDER TICKETS:

Tickets must be preordered by contacting **David Riggs** at **315-473-4444 ext. 127** or **driggs@syracusecrunch.com** by **Monday, Dec. 18.**

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Help the PTSA help Baker!

What do we do?

- Support and recognize the staff throughout the year
- Support all students to make it the most successful year

What do we support?

- Beeful Pantry
- Beeyoutiful Boutique
- Wellness Day
- Baker Staff
- KBR party after the ball for our seniors

What can you do?

- Become a member and receive 10% discount on all MemberHub fundraisers
- Support our fundraisers
- Attend a meeting and share your ideas
- Volunteer your time



Got questions? Email us at cwbptsa@gmail.com



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SAVE THE DATE:

KEY EVENTS ON OUR CALENDAR

2024

JAN 23-26 - REGENTS EXAMS
FEB 1 - JUNIOR PARENT NIGHT
MAY 6-17 - AP EXAMS
MAY 7 - CULTURAL FEST
MAY 18 - JUNIOR PROM
JUNE 1 - SENIOR BALL + KBR
JUNE 4, 14, 17-26 - REGENTS EXAMS
JUNE 22 - GRADUATION



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