



# THE VIRTUAL TIMES

## Welcome Back!



### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

C.W. Baker Families,

The first 3 days of school were a complete success! The building came back to life as students reunited with friends and teachers. The Administrative team will meet with students on Monday and Tuesday of next week to discuss their rights and responsibilities, as well as review the Code of Conduct. Our mission is to provide a safe, secure, accepting, and fun learning environment, and the tone of our message will be about support for students and working together to create a positive learning environment for everyone. We will also remind students about the Activity Fair coming up on Friday, September 22nd and will encourage students to get involved with student activities. Please continue to review the Virtual Times for important updates. We greatly appreciate your support and hope you have a restful weekend. Please reach out with any questions or concerns.

Gratefully, Kris H. Denton - Principal

# IMPORTANT UPDATES



**Bell Schedule:** Students should be in the building by 7:32am at the latest. First classes will start at 7:35am. Dismissal begins at 2:20pm. Students not staying after school with a teacher or coach need to leave the building at dismissal time.



**Lockers:** Any student who would like to have a locker assigned to them needs to fill out **THIS FORM** to request one. In the form you can indicate where in the building you'd like your locker to be located. Locker numbers and combinations will show up in your schooltool account.



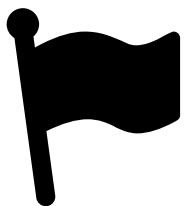
**Student Drivers:** Parking for students is by permit only. Please review all of the parking requirements **here**. Registration for any Juniors or Seniors is now open.



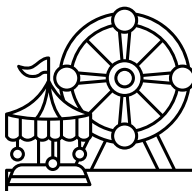
**Student drop off:** Please continue to enter campus via Albert Palmer Way and turn into the Elden Bus Loop. Follow all directions from staff members. Students can be dropped off near the stop sign and they will walk to the main front entrance. The Art Wing entrance is no longer open in the morning.



**SmartPass:** We have implemented a fully digital student pass system. Rather than paper passes, staff will be using a digital sign out system throughout the building. We will also schedule student passes for early dismissals and counseling meetings.



**Our Cultures, Our Community:** In an effort to recognize and honor the diversity of our community, we are working to create a flag display that will serve as a reminder of the cultures from which our students come. If you'd like to see your flag represented, please **fill out the form linked here**.



**Get Involved:** The student activity fair will be held during the school day on September 22. This is a great opportunity for all students to learn about all of the clubs and activities we have to offer at Baker.



# IMPORTANT UPDATES



**Open House:** You're invited to join us at our annual open house on September 28, 2023 from 6-8pm. Come and experience what it is like to be a student in our building and meet your students' teachers.



**Weapons Detection Systems:** We plan to implement our new Weapons Detection Systems (metal detectors) by the end of the month. We will notify students and parents via email and text message prior to them being officially operational. Prior to full implementation, we will be working with students and staff to build an understanding of the process.

Students will be asked to disclose metal objects to attending staff members and walk through the system with bags or back packs. Hand held scanners will be used as a secondary detection to ensure that all items being brought into the building are safe. If a hand scanner is unable to identify objects, trained staff may conduct basic searches of student items and/or bags to identify any item detected.

Safety and security for our students, staff, and families is our top priority and we appreciate your support as we implement these additional tools to protect our school community.

## SAVE THE DATE:

### KEY EVENTS ON OUR CALENDAR

#### 2023

SEPT 6 - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL  
SEPT 12 - SENIOR PARENT NIGHT  
SEPT 22 - ACTIVITY FAIR  
SEPT 27/8 - SCHOOL PICTURES  
SEPT 28 - OPEN HOUSE  
OCT 3 - HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION  
OCT 13 - HOMECOMING  
OCT 14 - PSAT  
DEC 2 - SEMI FORMAL DANCE

#### 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



# SENIORS ONLY

Class of  
**20  
24**



## Baker H.S. Senior Parent Night

Come learn more about the college application process with the Baker Counseling Team  
**THIS TUESDAY - September 12, 2023 at 6:30PM in the Auditorium**

## LATE ENTRY AND EARLY DISMISSAL FOR SENIORS

This year, as a privilege for our senior students, we will be offering the opportunity for seniors to come in for 2nd period or leave after 8th period.

In order to apply for an Late Entry/Early Dismissal pass, students must qualify according to the following criteria:

- ✓ Must have 1st or 9th period study hall
- ✓ Must be a senior in good academic and behavioral standing.
- ✓ Must have passed ALL REQUIRED Regents Exams for graduation.
- ✓ Students or their parents/guardians are responsible for transportation if arriving late or leaving early.

**PLEASE SEE YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR**

**FOR AN APPLICATION**

**APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A ROLLING BASIS**



IN NEED OF **FREE** SENIOR PHOTOS?

See Mrs. Dapson in **Room 2421**

Email: [JDapson@bville.org](mailto:JDapson@bville.org)



Senior Pictures are due to the yearbook on October 15, 2023,

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information about the yearbook

# National Suicide Prevention Month

## District Newsletter



### DISTRICT MESSAGE

September is National Suicide Prevention Month. In Baldwinsville, we believe everyone thrives in a vibrant, healthy, safe, enriching and respectful learning environment. We also work to ensure all students have the social and emotional supports necessary to feel safe and empowered to pursue their goals.

### OUR SUPPORT STAFF!

In Baldwinsville, all of our buildings are well equipped with a wide-variety of support staff.

#### All buildings have at least 1:

School Psychologist  
Social Worker  
School Counselor  
Liberty Resources Clinician  
School Resource Officer

\*Promise Zone Student Engagement Specialist

- Ray, Durgee and Baker only.

### THE HIVE PLEDGE!

We all can work together to accomplish this by taking our "Hive Pledge".

#### "In the HIVE we:

- Work to keep everyone safe,
- Get help for those who need it,
- Grow and learn together!"



### RESOURCES

#### 988 Crisis Lifeline

- Call 988
- Text 988
- Chat [988lifeline.org](https://www.988lifeline.org)

#### NYS/Crisis Text Line

text "Got5" to 741-741

#### CNY 211

- Call 211
- text 898-211- w/ Your Zip Code

#### Onondaga Co. Crisis Connect

(315) 215-0800



SUNFLOWERS NOT ONLY REPRESENT SUNSHINE AND HAPPINESS, THEY ALSO HELP EACH OTHER BELOW THE SURFACE. SUNFLOWER ROOTS ARE AWARE OF EACH OTHER AND HAVE BEEN SHOWN TO WORK TOGETHER TO SHARE NUTRIENTS.

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# National Suicide Prevention Month



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### What's happening this year in Bville?

There are several new and not-so-new programs and initiatives taking place this year...

### TEEN MENTAL HEALTH FIRST-AID

This year, Baker High School is excited to announce the roll out of Teen Mental Health First Aid! Students in grades 10-12 will learn how to notice and support a friend or peer having a mental health or substance use challenge in a series of trainings conducted by district adult mental health first aid instructors. Together, we will #BeeTheDifference.

**NEW**

### SEPTEMBER WEEKLY MESSAGES

Look out for the *Weekly Message* from our district support staff! You will see some familiar faces sharing their favorite tips or facts with staff and community.

**NEW**

### SECOND STEP DIGITAL

New to Baldwinsville! This year our school district will use Second Step Digital to teach explicit skills within our classrooms K-5. Units will target growth mindset, emotion management, empathy and kindness, and problem-solving. Taking a proactive approach will help our younger bees learn skills they can use in school and later on in life.

**NEW**

### BIMAS SCREENER

Have you ever wondered why Baldwinsville uses the BIMAS-2 as a behavior screening tool for students K-12? According to the National Council for Mental Wellbeing, the average time it takes a youth to get the help they may need is 10 years. The best intervention is **early** intervention. By using a mental health screener, Baldwinsville is able to get students connected to supports they may need early on.

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