

# Building Baker Forward



## Game Time!

### Spring 2024 State Testing Is Here!

It's game time! Next week, we will begin our LEAP 2025 state assessments for our 3rd - 8th graders and high school students. This is the time that we all have been preparing for each day and every moment with our students.

We believe in the students, staff, and school leaders, and we know that their planning and hard work have prepared our students for success. However, we cannot do this work without the support of our parents, community, businesses, Baker Council, and families. While on this journey to Build Baker Forward, everyone has a job to do.

Parents, you have a big job over the next four weeks. It is important that students are at school each day and are well rested and prepared for their tests. As you send them off to school each morning, fill them with encouragement and motivation to do their very best on the test. Write special notes to them daily, and give them 'high-fives' and a healthy breakfast to get them started each morning.



City of Baker Business Partners and Baker Council, celebrate our students as they enter your businesses. Post signs of encouragement in your establishments, in your windows, and on your doors that support and inspire our students to do their best. There's no greater feeling than for our students to see and hear the support of our community backing them on their journey to academic achievement.

Community families, create yard signs to place in your yards that read, "Do Your Best On The Test", "You Can Do It", and "We Believe". Be sure to wave at them each morning as they travel on their buses to get to school. Our students will see, they will hear, and they will be inspired by your kindness and support.

This is our time! It's game time, and together, we will win!

We Believe!

JT Stroder, Superintendent



# District, School & Employee Highlights

## Celebrating Our Employees



In February, we acknowledged and recognized our employees at a recognition social held at the Greenwood Park Recreation Center. Over 100 employees gathered to enjoy the festivities of food, music, and fun as each was appreciated and celebrated for their dedication to the students of the City of Baker School System.

## A Taste of Baker Schools

The City of Baker School System's School Food Nutrition department showcased a grand tasting of healthy meals prepared within our schools, by our staff, for our community on March 27, 2024. The showcase highlighted many of the nutritious selections that are prepared for our students each day. As we support and value the health and wellness of our students, it was an honor to share these meals with our community. We are appreciative of our event sponsors, and look forward to showcasing again during Fall 2025.



## We're Almost There! Baker High School



Baker High School is on schedule for a grand reveal this summer. We are thankful for every person that has been a part of this process as we prepare to open, for the first time since 2016, the newly redesigned and renovated Baker High School.

## Celebrations

### 2023-2024 Students of the Year

**Kaden Antoine**  
5th Grade  
Baker Heights Elementary

**Zoie Joseph**  
5th Grade  
Park Ridge Academic Magnet

**Katherine Banos**  
8th Grade  
Baker Middle School

**De'Nya Ambeau**  
8th Grade  
Park Ridge Academic Magnet

**Sarah Evans**  
12th Grade  
Baker High School

### 2023-2024 Teachers of the Year

**Pamela Dawson**  
Elementary School

**Tory Williams**  
Middle School

**Nakia Wilson-Nelson**  
High School

### 2023-2024 Support Employees of the Year

**Shantell Easley Lewis**  
Elementary School

**Christopher Stephenson**  
Middle School

**Jill Taylor**  
High School

**Terri Johnson**  
District

## Upcoming Events

### Board Meeting

April 16, 2024  
6:00 PM

### Baker High School Certified Nursing Assistants

Graduation  
April 21, 2024  
6:00 PM

### State Testing

Begin: April 15, 2024