



Ida S. Baker High School

State of Florida "A" School



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Mission

To provide students with a challenging comprehensive education using real life applications that will prepare them to be active participants in an ever-increasing technological world.

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Dear Bulldog Families and Community:

We are off to a great start for the 2009-2010 school year here at Ida S. Baker High School. It is a privilege for me to join the Baker team as an Assistant Principal. During the past 12 years that I have been a teacher in the Lee County School District, it has been my desire to become an administrator at an incredible high school, and now I have that opportunity here at Baker.

As students move through their high school years, they should begin to think about how to achieve success in life. If students know what they want to study when they are at a university, college, or trade school, then they should take similar subjects while in high school if possible. However, it is also useful to fill up the rest of their schedules with an assortment of classes in order to get a wider field of knowledge.

For years now, studies have shown that students who take part in setting their own learning goals in the classroom are more motivated and self-directed. As a parent/guardian, you can begin the goal-setting discussion by simply asking your student what he or she hopes to accomplish or learn this school year.

Once your student picks a personal learning goal, you will want to aid your child in developing a plan for achieving it. This will most likely consist of defining the goal, establishing a time frame, and making a record of the steps needed in working toward the goal. As a final point, make sure you recognize your student's progress along the way. Knowing that you are aware of the progress will increase your child's sense of accomplishment and reinforce his or her student achievement.

One of the most basic approaches to achieving school success is ensuring regular daily attendance. Missing school typically has a negative impact on grades and can eventually affect a student's cumulative grade point average. Regular school attendance is a vital ingredient for earning a high school diploma in the state of Florida. If a high school student accrues 10 or more unexcused or excused absences, the student shall be referred to the Child Study Team at the school to be considered for denial of credit. Additionally, all students who have excessive tardies (six or more per quarter) will also be referred to the Child Study Team to be considered for possible loss of credit. If it is necessary for a student to miss school due to an illness, medical appointment, court date, or family loss, please have the student turn in an official document to the attendance mailbox located next to Student Services in the main entry way.

I look forward to making sure that your child has a tremendous and pleasant experience this year at Ida S. Baker High School. Please feel free to contact any of the administrators if you have any questions or suggestions that will enable us to offer success for your son or daughter.



Assistant Principal

Sincerely,
Doug Palow



School Motto
Success is the ONLY Option

From the Counselors

Guidance Counselor by student's Last Name

A-Le – Ms. Fischer

Lf-Z – Mrs. Lockard

Seniors – Mr. Conforte

Guidance Secretary – Ms. Cooper

Attention: Freshmen and Parents

TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN is a scholarship and mentor program that offers eligible 9th graders a chance at a full tuition college scholarship upon graduation providing the student fulfills a contract to attend school regularly, maintain a 2.5 GPA, to stay drug and crime free, to meet with a mentor and to attend Take Stock in Children meetings.

For more information contact Baker counselor Mary Fischer at 458-6690.

10th –12th Grade Students

Dual Enrollment Information

Dual Enrollment is an opportunity for students to earn college credits while in high school. We will be presenting an assembly in the Ida Baker Auditorium on October 20 during second block

JROTC

Congratulations to Phillip Sierocinski. He was selected as the Lee County JROTC Cadet Brigade Commander by a board of Army Instructors. Each school in the county sent their best cadet to the board to be judged on appearance, knowledge, current events and GPA. Phil is the first cadet from Ida S. Baker High School to be so honored. Previous winners came from Fort Myers (5), Mariner (1), North (1), and South (1). What this means, is out of the approximately 2700 students enrolled in JROTC this school year, Cadet Sierocinski is number one. Also, every cadet in the county has to learn to spell his name. Pictured is his promotion to the rank of cadet colonel by his mother and Lieu-



Online Lunch Prepayment

Baker's cafeteria is now using myLunchMoney.com, a new service to prepay for your child's breakfast, lunch, and a la carte food items using your credit card. Enrolling is simple and completed online. Once your account is established, you can check balances and find the account from your computer, phone, or fax. Your personal and payment information is protected by the most advanced Internet security.

New parent features include spending history reports, low balance e-mail notifications, and meal control settings.

To enroll, access myLunchMoney.com or the district website, leeschools.net. Click on "for Parents" and follow link to Lunch Menu. On the myLunch-

Does Your Child Need Tutoring?

Biology

After school biology tutoring is in room 176 on Tuesdays. Please let your teacher know if you will be attending and have a ride to pick you up at 2:30.

Math

Need after-school math help?

See your teacher for the fall schedule from September-November 2009

All tutoring is from 1:45-2:30 pm unless arrangements are made with a teacher for later than 2:30 pm. Mr. Klos is available after 4 pm in room 230 for Algebra 2

Freshman English

After-School Tutoring for Freshman English will be offered on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Please see your English teacher for weekly schedule.

AP Chem and AP Physics

Advanced Placement Chemistry and Advanced Placement Physics meet every Saturday from 9-12 am for a homework marathon.

Seniors - Be Proactive: Seek Financial Aid for College

November - Ida S. Baker High School will be sponsoring its third annual Financial Aid Night, date and time to be announced. Come in and get information from a scholarship expert.

February – An Open Lab Night will be scheduled to assist students/parents in filling out Federal Student Aid applications and the Bright Futures application. Come prepared with your parents' 2009 tax returns.

Scholarship Notice Board – check this frequently in the Career Lab, room 014

Scholarship Website – <http://www.collegescholarship4u.com>

Listen for announcements about college visits!



SNAPSHOT: Photography Club

By Whitney Marin

Here at Baker there are a ton of different clubs to join. There's Scholars Club for students who are interested in getting ready for college; Interact for students who love helping out their community through volunteering; Latin Rhythm and Hip Hop Dance Teams for people who love to move; and even a Bowling Club.

Of all of these various and exciting extracurricular activities, my favorite is Baker's *Flashers Photography Club* run by Mr. Donnelly, a history teacher at Baker. The Photography Club started here at Baker only two years ago and it keeps getting better. Last year we were even featured in the school's annual Art Show.

This past year's group of shutterbugs went on trips to local areas to capture the scenic view and explore new angles. The Photography Club also did many in-school photography activities like "Doggie Day," when one member brought her adorable English bulldog to school to be photographed.

In addition to activities, we had guest speakers last



Mr. Donnelly, the Flashers Club sponsor, consults with students on Sanibel Island.

Yearbooks On Sale

Yearbooks are on sale for \$70 during school in Ms. Klare's room, or you can purchase them on-line at www.Jostensyearbook.com.

Don't miss out on the lower price!

If you are interested in creating a senior dedication page for your student, please contact Ms. Klare at morgank@leeschools.net or 458-6690



The recent blood drive was a great success.

Baker teacher Ashley Underhill and Lee Memorial Hospital did a great job organizing the event. The students were in and out throughout the day and there were no problems. One of the nurses working the blood drive van from Lee Memorial said that the students at Baker were the most polite and well-mannered students that she has dealt since she started working for the Lee Memorial Blood Bank.

DECA Business Sponsors Program

If any Baker parents own or are involved with managing a business in the Cape Coral area, here is a great opportunity to get more involved with our number-one high school. DECA, which is our Marketing and Finance Club, has initiated a business sponsorship program.

To help DECA to help others, local business people can participate in our program by volunteering to be guest speakers, helping to judge DECA contests, or even making a cash contribution to help with costs of competition. If you may be interested, please contact Mike Bridges, Sponsor of DECA, at MichaelDB@leeschools.net or call 458-6690. DECA is involved in social and civic activities, as well as participating in business com-



Baker's Life Skills students started a work experience program at Belk's at Surfside this month.

If you are interested in joining the **Ida Baker Photography Club** and/or the **Ida Baker History Club** please see **Mr. Donnelly** in room 287. **The Flashers Photography Club** meets from **1:45-2:30 pm** in **Room 287**.

School Advisory Committee

The School Advisory Committee is composed of teachers, parents, and community members who donate their time and efforts to ensure that our students have the tools and resources necessary for their academic achievement. For more information, contact Mrs. Silva at SandraSI@leeschools.net. The next meeting will be October 26th at 6 pm in office 014.

Art for Habitat

Baker Art Club and Portfolio Art students are "Fit to Be Tied" with the neckties they are designing and painting for Habitat for Humanity. These artist-created ties will be auctioned off at a special event later this fall to raise funds for Habitat for Humanity. The ties were donated to Habitat by Solid Neckties of New Jersey. Habitat for Humanity developed this fundraiser as a great way for students and local artists to show off their talents while helping to raise money for Habitat projects. Baker artists ROCK!

Message from Mike Scott, Office of the Sheriff

Dear Citizens of Lee County,

In 2007, the Florida Legislature amended the Florida Sex Offender Statutes. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) now maintains a public, automatic email notification service regarding sexual predators and offenders. The Lee County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, is pleased to announce the Florida Sexual Offender/Predator Email Community Notification Services is now available.

Information may be requested in two different ways:

1. Select an address of interest
2. Select an offender of interest

We encourage you to sign up for this free service:

1. Visit the Lee County Sheriff's Office website at <http://www.sheriffleefl.org>
2. Click on Crime Activity
3. Click on SEX OFFENDER EMAIL NOTIFICATION
4. Follow the instructions to register your request

For inquiries or assistance contact the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) at 1-877-335-3767 or for all other sex offender related questions, contact Sergeant Tracey Booth of the Lee County Sheriff's Office Sexual Offender/Predator Unit at 239 477 1081.

Sheriff Mike Scott

Donate Supplies for Science

The Baker science department is looking forward to a great school year and is excited about the opportunity and privilege of working with your child. Science teachers have an awesome task of providing science education in the classroom as well as hands-on science in the laboratory. Science experiments and activities are an enriching part of the science curriculum. The science department is continuously seeking new supplies and equipment to add to its existing science materials. Listed below are some of the things the science department is in search of for the 2009-2010 school year:

Vinyl gloves	Shells
Large Expo markers	Antibacterial soap
pH paper strips	Toothpicks
Small aquariums	Clothespins
Aquarium hood lights	Zip Lock bags—all sizes
Filters or other aquarium equipment	Food Coloring
Working microscopes	Slides and cover slips

Financial donations for lab specimens and consumable lab items

Any donations from the list are greatly appreciated by the entire science department and can be dropped off to Mrs. Sue Miller. Also, if you know of any businesses that would be willing to provide the science department with any financial support, please contact Mrs. Miller in the science department at SueRM@LeeSchools.net Thank you so much for your support.

Science Binders - A Great Deal!

The science department is selling Science binders. Students are engaged and involved with science experiments, interacting in groups, and enjoying their studies. They have already been exploring and dip-netting outdoors. The department is offering science binders to students who wish to purchase them for \$10. They include lined paper, graph paper, sheet protectors, pencil cases, a periodic table, and dividers. Students



Snorkel in Key Largo

Students interested in snorkeling among sea grasses, mangroves, and coral reefs for three days in Key Largo, May 14-16, may sign up for the trip by putting down a deposit. This wonderful trip is a fantastic way to learn about Florida's unique coral reef environment and how to protect it. The three-day trip includes boat trips, snorkeling, all meals and a well-monitored dormitory, plus instruction from safety trained marine biologists. Sign-up began on September 3 and there are only 30 spaces available. Email Mrs. Miller for details at su-



Calendar of events

October 28th End of the First Quarter
 October 29th Teacher Duty Day (No School for students)
 October 30th Hurricane Make-up Day (No School)
 November 11th Veterans Day (No School)

Upcoming Dates

Interim Reports

October 1, 2009
 November 12, 2009
 December 10, 2009

Report Card Date

November 10, 2009

Dear Parent/Guardian:

On behalf of Dr. Eric J. Smith, Commissioner of Education

The School District of Lee County has been identified as a district in need of corrective action based on the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. This means that the district did not meet all state student achievement criteria, or Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), in reading, mathematics, and/or writing for four or more consecutive years. The district has met 72% of the AYP criteria. AYP measures the performance of all students and specific student groups based on race/ethnicity, free and reduced price lunch status, disability, and English proficiency.

To make AYP, a certain percentage of students in each group must score at grade level, or be proficient, on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) in reading, writing, and mathematics. If one student group is not proficient, the entire district does not make the AYP requirements. This does not mean that Lee County Schools are failing; it means that certain areas need improvement.

The table below shows the percentage of proficient students in Lee County compared to other students in the state.

2008-09 Percent of Students Scoring Proficient			
Subject	Goal	Lee County	State
Reading	65%	64%	60%
Mathematics	68%	67%	66%
Writing	Increase 1% or 90% or higher	Goal Met	Goal Met
Graduation Rate	Increase 1% or 90% or higher	Goal Met	Goal Met

As a result, the district has developed a plan to improve the achievement of its schools. This District Improvement, Assistance, and Intervention Plan can be accessed on the DOE's (Department of Education) website: http://www.flbsi.org/0910_SIP/Login.aspx?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1. In addition, the district must move some of the funds to the schools to support activities that improve student achievement.

Parents play an important role in their child's education and are invited to become involved in their child's school. There are many ways of participating, such as:

- Attending parent conferences with teachers
- Participating in activities at the school
- Becoming a member of the SAC (School Advisory Council)
- Volunteering at the school

For additional information, visit DOE's Bureau of Student Assistance website: <http://www.fldoe.org/bsa>. If you have questions

Ida Baker Athletics

Varsity Football

10/2 North Port (Homecoming) 7:30 pm
 10/9 Gulf Coast 7:30 pm
 10/16 at South Fort Myers 7:30 pm
 10/23 at Palmetto Ridge 7:30 pm
 11/6 at Cape Coral 7:30 pm

Volleyball

10/1 at Fort Myers 6/7 pm
 10/3 at Estero Invitational TBA
 10/6 at Lemon Bay 6/7 pm
 10/8 at Mariner 6/7 pm
 10/13 Cape Coral 6/7 pm

Freshman/JV Football

10/1 Riverdale 6/7:30 pm
 10/8 at Mariner 6/7:30 pm
 10/15 South Fort Myers 6/7:30 pm
 10/22 at Bishop Verot 6/7:30 pm
 10/29 Cape Coral 6/7:30 pm

Golf

10/6 at Cypress 3p m
 10/7 North of the River 3 pm
 10/12 LCAC TBA
 10/14 Pt. Charlotte 3 pm
 10/16 at North Ft. Myers/Estero 3 pm

Cross Country

10/3 at Titusville
 10/10 at Crews Lake
 10/10 JV at Lehigh
 10/17 Pre-state at Tampa
 10/17 JV at Mariner

Swimming

10/1 at Lehigh 6 pm
 10/6 Estero/Palmetto Ridge at FGCU 6 pm
 10/8 Dunbar 6 pm
 10/16 North Ft. Myers at Cape Coral
 10/21 LCAC TBA

For complete schedules please visit the Ida Baker website at ibh.leeschools.net.

Nurse's Corner

There continues to be many questions related to the "swine flu" and the school's role in preventing its spread. Be assured the school district has in place and is following the protocol set by the Center for Disease Control. Sharon Warnecke, RN, director of Health Services for the Lee County School District, is in direct contact with the state health department and keeps the district up to date on all procedures. Please keep your student home if he or she ill.

School Board Policy and Lee County Public Health Department guidelines require children remain home until they are free of fever without the use of fever-reducing medicine such as Tylenol. A fever is a temperature of 100 degrees or above. If your child develops other symptoms such as fatigue, sore throat, cough and cold symptoms, he or she must remain home for at least 24 hours or until symptoms subside. Please consult your health care provider for additional information or to seek medical care for a fever lasting longer than three days. Send to school a note from the doctor when you do indeed seek medical attention.

The schools are vigilant in their cleaning during and after school hours to help minimize the spread of any illness. This unfortunately does not guarantee that you or your child will not become ill during the school year. Students and families are encouraged to wash hands frequently using running water, hand soap (any kind will do) and friction for 15-20 seconds.

For up to date details on the school district's illness policy, visit www.leeschools.net.

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To the Parent/Guardian of