

**The Baxter**

April-May 2022

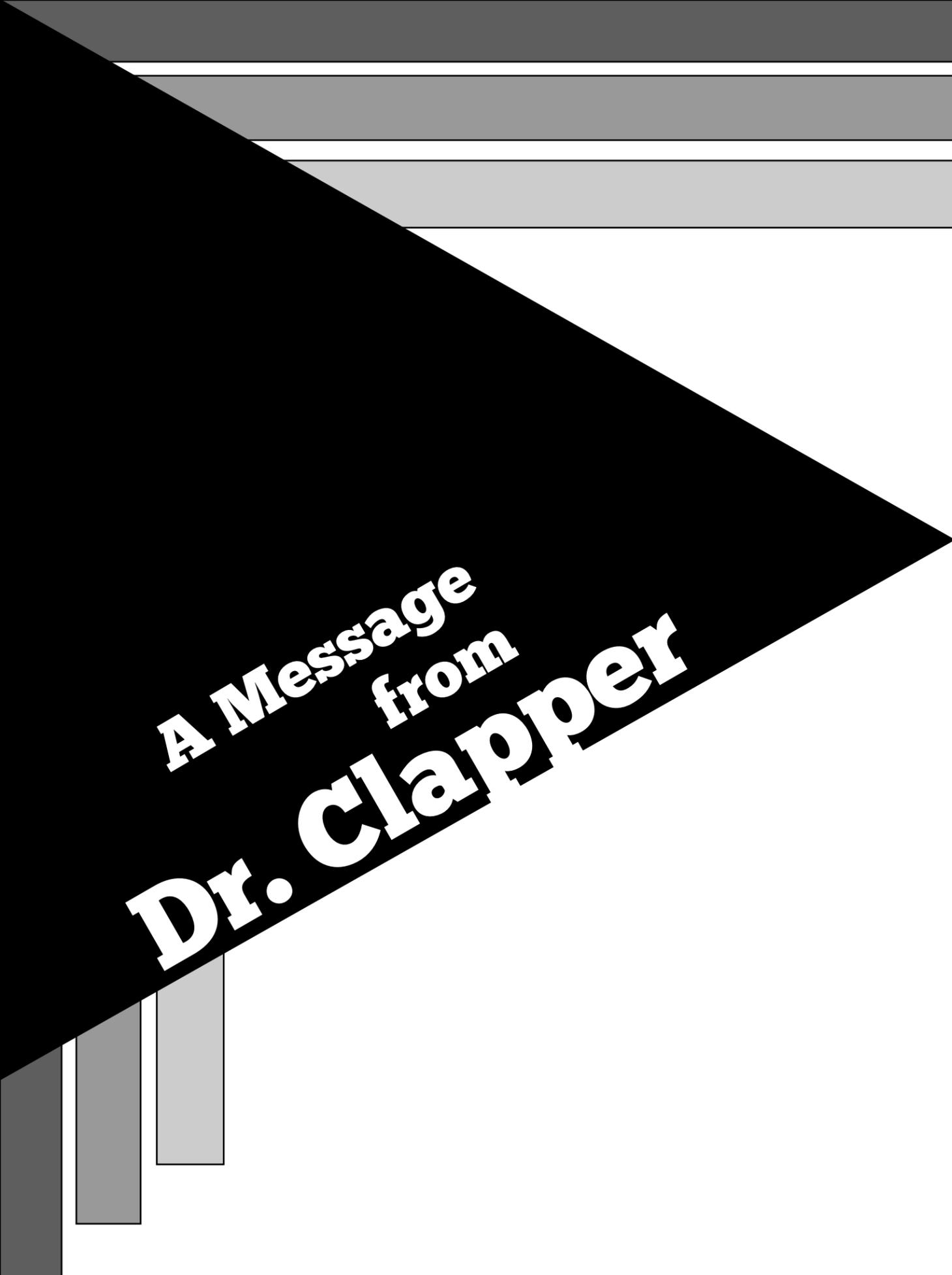


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**DISTRICT  
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**A Message  
from  
Dr. Clapper**

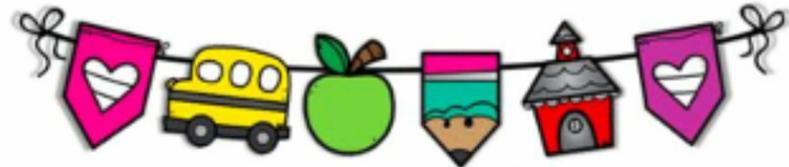
It's hard to believe we are nearing the end of another school year. It seems like it was just yesterday I was welcoming everyone back to a new school year and here we are quickly approaching graduation and summer break. As I reflect on the year we've had together I can't help but smile. Together, we've had some ups and downs. We've had some great celebrations and some trying times, but as we near the end our time together, I am thankful for the community, the students and staff that shared this journey with me. It has been a long hard year, but together we've made it through.

We've had an exciting year at Baxter. It was fun to watch the students come back this fall and have what seemed like a pretty "normal" school year. Who would have ever thought we would be thankful to come into the gym and have a K-12 assembly all together or to be able to invite parents back into our school for lunch dates with their children? We've lived through a pretty intense couple of years, but our students, staff and community are strong, and I am so thankful to be in Baxter where we support each. Like many things in our world right now there are many differing opinions about a number of issues, but no matter if we agree with each other or not we are all Bolts and we are better together.

As we come to the end of our year together, I want to thank everyone for your support for our entire school community this year. Our teamwork has been amazing to witness. We spent the summer making plans for our community back to school night and it was refreshing to spend time talking about academics rather than pandemics. We entered this school year with some uncertainty and a lot of optimism. It seems like we've endured a long winter, but now it is spring and hope is in the air. We've had some great times and some hard times, but we did it together.

We have lots of events coming up in the next couple of months including music and band concerts, golf, track, soccer, baseball and softball, and one of the most important events we can all celebrate together, high school graduation. The Class of 2022 is a very special group of students who have made us proud on many occasions. They have many different paths ahead of them ranging from military service, starting in the work force, attending a community college, attending a four-year college or university and some are still deciding what their future holds, but whatever path these graduates choose, I hope they always remember the path home. Congratulations to the Class of 2022.

# WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN!



Baxter Community School

## Kindergarten Round-up

April 29, 2022



## Parent's Meeting

April 18, 2022 · 6:30-7:30pm

Middle School Commons

Contact Janet Damman, Elementary Secretary, for Kindergarten packets, open enrollment applications (if you live outside of the district), or any questions at

PH: 641-227-1121 or email: [jdamman@baxter.k12.ia.us](mailto:jdamman@baxter.k12.ia.us)

## LUNCH NEWS

**Attn Parents/Guardians:** Due to the expiration of Federal waivers **Breakfast and Lunch are currently scheduled to resume being full priced for the 22-23 school year.** Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Applications are available within the JMC Parent Portal or at any school office. Further information will be provided through JMC emails or on the Baxter facebook page when it becomes available. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Tace Clarke, Food Service Director, [Tclarke@baxter.k12.ia.us](mailto:Tclarke@baxter.k12.ia.us)

## 2024 SUMMER EUROPE TRIP

For any students who will be in grades 9-12 summer 2024

OR

Any interested community members, alum, or parents

If you are interested in receiving information about the 2024 Bolts Abroad Summer Europe Trip please email:

[cbrummel@baxter.k12.ia.us](mailto:cbrummel@baxter.k12.ia.us)

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## Baxter Public Library 2022 Summer Schedule June 2 - August 18

### Summer Hours

Monday 9:00 - 6:00  
Tuesday 9:00 - 3:00  
Wednesday 9:00 - 6:00  
Thursday 9:00 - 12:00  
Saturday 9:00 - 12:00

Monday	10:00 Crazy 8 Math Club (future 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade and up)
Tuesday	10:00 Toddler & Preschool Storytime
Wednesday	10:30 STEAM Activity (future 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade and up) Check our Facebook page for details
Thursday	All programs begin at 10:00 Programs listed in bold are paid programmers June 2 <b>Blank Park Zoo</b> June 9     Camping Program by Staff June 16 <b>Butterfly Experience</b> June 23    Hiking Program by Staff June 30 <b>Rick Brammer Magician</b> July 7 <b>Absolute Science</b> July 14    Stars Program by Staff July 21    Scavenger Hunt Day July 28 <b>Bubble Professor</b>

### Escape Rooms

Set up your team and arrange a date & time

This is our proposed schedule.  
We will be adding events as Summer gets closer.  
Check with our Facebook or Web page for updates.

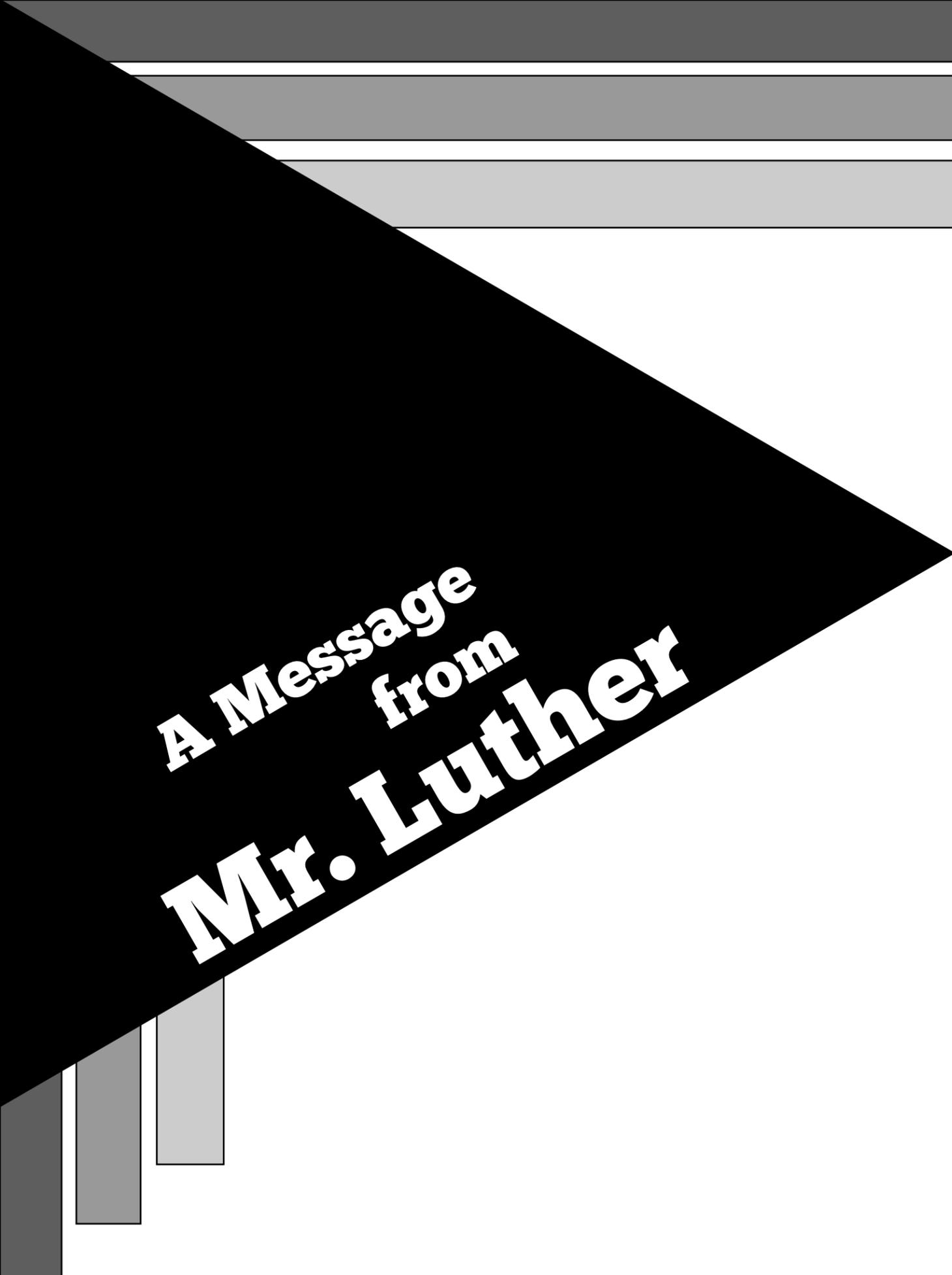
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# **STUDENT NEWS**





**A Message  
from  
Mr. Luther**

Dear Seniors:

When you walked into kindergarten 13 years ago the world was a much different place than it is today. With the advancement of technology it is almost impossible to imagine what it will be like in 13 more. As educators we are trying to prepare students for jobs that have not even been created yet. But we do understand the skill sets that it takes to be successful. From engineers, to the medical profession, to business and marketing, to be successful you are going to have to work in teams. You are going to have to be able to problem solve and think outside the box. You are going to have to be creative and be storytellers. You are going to have to think critically. We are no longer living in a "sit and get" world. It is tough to prepare you for a moving target. But growing in these skills will make you marketable and successful no matter what field or career you pursue.

One of our core values at Baxter CSD is "to approach learning with passion and play!". I personally think this is one of the most important of our values. It does not mean goof off or not to be challenged academically. It means just to have fun! My graduation wish for you is in every step of your journey; remember to bring some fun to it. People love being around others who make them smile, laugh, and who bring joy to what they are doing. Be that person. From your days at college, to your first job, to raising a family and the so-called rat race of life. Always find the fun. If you don't, you will look back one day and have way too many regrets.

My guess is as you reflect on high school memories you don't immediately go to that awesome economics lesson or that test in AP English. You will remember times spent with friends, the big games, the memorable concerts or performances. These are the moments that shape who we are. It is these times that make those other stressful moments worthwhile. I am extremely proud of how you have handled your senior year. You have been good leaders in our school. You have stayed the course. You have had fun!

Thanks for being a part of our lives at Baxter. You have no idea how many people you influence each and every day. Relationships mold us, change us, and help us become who we are. We have learned from you as we hope you have from us. As you graduate and leave our halls for the last time, I hope you find something you love to do, find someone you love to be with, and most of all have fun with both!

Rob Luther

6-12 Baxter Principal

# A Message from Mr. Aker

We are quickly approaching the end of the year. March is definitely not going “out like a lamb” with the weather! Although this newsletter is for April/ May, I have to remind myself, and the kids, that it is still March and cold, snow, rain, wind, and ice are still part of reality. I think the few warm days we have had are here to stay and that the end of the school year is coming up quickly. I appreciate their enthusiasm and still encourage them to remember that we have a couple of months of school left with a great deal of learning ahead of us.

I did just want to mention a couple of these things. First, we will be taking our annual Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) in grades 3-5. These tests will take place the week of April 5-10. Each morning the students will be taking a different test in the areas of reading, language, math and science (grade 5 only). We have spent some time in the past few weeks preparing for these tests working with students on test taking strategies and taking some of the example practice tests to familiarize our students with the test taking format. For our 3rd graders, this will be the first time that they have taken a test like this. It does require a bit of stamina as there is a great deal of reading, many questions, and in some cases some written response questions. The length of the test alone can sometimes be a bit challenging for our students as this is not a common practice for them. This will be the first year that the entire test will take place online. We have some reservations about this, but have worked hard to prepare students for this format. We will do our very best to prepare them to give their very best effort.

Of course there are some things you could do at home as well. A great night's sleep before each day of the test is very important. We will be serving breakfast for all of the students each day before the test. I believe the most important thing you could do is encourage your student to do their very best and support them in any stress or anxiety they have about the test. They are all great young people, and this test is not the only way for us to get a true representation of all the things they know and can do. The test is not timed, so please

encourage your student to take their time, read each question and answer, give their very best and everything will be fine. I would encourage you to ask them about the test each day, tell them that you are sure they did a great job and then move on to something that gets their mind off of it until the next day. We are going to do great!

If you have an incoming Kindergartener for next school year, it is important that you know about our upcoming Kindergarten Roundup dates. We will have the parent meeting on April 19 and the actual day at school for screening of the kids and their opportunity to spend time in our classes is April 30. We are excited about the incoming group of students and look forward to meeting the students and their parents.

As I mentioned, there are many things coming up in the last two months of school, far too many to mention. One that I am excited about is that we will have the Des Moines Opera coming to our school on April 15th. They will be doing a workshop with some of our upper elementary students and then performing an opera for all of our elementary students. It will be a great experience for our students.

It has been a great year and the last few months will be the same. Thank you for all that you do as parents and community members to support our students and our school.

Jason Aker  
Elementary Principal

# Counselor's Corner

Mr. Travis Dee

Secondary School  
Counselor

641-227-1205

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## MCC Career Expo

Baxter Community School continues its efforts to support college and career readiness opportunities for its students. The freshman class attended a Career Expo hosted at Marshalltown Community College. Students were given the option of attending morning sessions that were highlighted by the following programs: business, manufacturing, agriculture, automotive tech, art, athletic training, broadcasting, networking, construction, cosmetology, court reporting, criminal justice, military, nursing, social work, E-Sports/management. One goal of our district is to expose students to a variety of career pathways. The MCC Career Expo does a great job of exposing students to new possibilities and the type of training they will need to be successful.

## National Honor Society

National Honor Society (NHS) members are selected on the qualities of character, leadership, and service. Baxter High School students become eligible in their second semester of their sophomore year and must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Interested students then complete a student activity form as well as a brief letter of acceptance stating why they would like to be part of the organization. The high school staff then evaluates the information in accordance with the mission of the NHS.

The National Honor Society induction will be held in the west gym on Wednesday, April 13 at 2:30. Parents and the students who are inducted into the National Honor Society will be invited to the ceremony and reception at the school.

## Freshman Orientation

The freshmen orientation will be held on **Wednesday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m.** in the West Commons for current eighth grade students and their parents. This orientation will give students and parents an opportunity to ask questions about issues related to the high school experience and review students' four-year plan. Please discuss with your child information concerning high school classes. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. My office number is (641) 227-1205.

## Middle School Orientation

The middle school orientation will be on **Wednesday, May 4 at 6:30 pm** in the West Commons. It is important that students going into the sixth grade next year as well as their parents attend this event. The orientation will introduce the middle-school concept and cover expectations for a successful transition.

## College Recruiters

Sophomores, juniors and seniors need to check their emails for information about when college representatives will be visiting the school. This is a great opportunity to learn more about what different colleges and universities have to offer.

## Paperless Report Cards

Sixth-eleventh grade report cards for the second semester will be available on-line beginning June 1, 2022. Parents/students who do not have computer access or wish to have a paper copy may request and pick one up at the school or have a paper copy of the report card be mailed to them after June 1.

## 2022 ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Standby Deadline
		Late Fee Applies	Photo Upload Deadline
June 11, 2022	May 6	May 20	June 3
July 16, 2022	June 17	June 24	July 8

# Middle School News!

Baxter Middle School students, Austin England, 8th grade, and Gwen Tichy, 7th grade, have chosen to participate in an outstanding STEM related opportunity this summer sponsored by the National Youth Leadership Forum. Austin will be attending this program at the University of Denver, while Gwen will be attending at Loyola University in Chicago.

NYLF Explore STEM is a unique learning experience for bright, forward-thinking middle school students who will evolve into our next generation of innovators, engineers, doctors, forensic scientists, mathematicians, and physicists.

During this six-day immersive experience, students explore career opportunities, gain increased confidence and leadership skills, and learn by doing as they take part in hands-on simulations, workshops, and competitions, while making new friends from around the country and having unforgettable adventures as they envision their future and explore the frontiers of science and technology as they plan to conquer the Red Planet with a "Mission to Mars."

Few fields are more important to the future of mankind than STEM - science, technology, engineering, and math - and few show as much promise for future career opportunities. Virtually all career fields today require a solid foundation of STEM, and that's precisely why these are the fastest growing areas of study - and the reason STEM professionals are in the highest demand throughout the world. NYLF Explore STEM is built on a multidisciplinary curriculum designed to help students find their passion through hands-on activities in forensics, robotics programming, medicine, and civil engineering. The program provides an invaluable opportunity for curious and high-achieving students to explore the frontiers of 21st century science and technology.

Students were extended an invitation to this experience upon recommendation by their middle school math teacher. Austin and Gwen were nominated for this experience by Mr. Ranck.

# Elementary School News!



Ms. Houge's 3rd grade hatched baby chicks in their classroom. They learned about the embryo through candling the eggs on day 14 of them being in the incubator. They saw the process of hatching and were able to inspect the air/food sack and blood vessels in the shells. They now have chicks in the tank with a heat lamp, food, water, and bedding. The third graders are taking great care of the chicks and being so responsible!



**ATHLETICS**



# Baxter JV/V Baseball 2022

Date	Opponent	Level	Location	Time
May 18	North Mahaska	V/JV	<b>Baxter</b>	5:00
May 19	AGWSR	V/JV	<b>Baxter</b>	5:00
May 23	Colfax-Mingo	V/JV	<b>Baxter</b>	5:00
May 24	Collins-Maxwell	V/JV	<b>Baxter</b>	5:00
May 25	Colo-NESCO	JV/V	McCallsburg	5:00
May 27	North Tama	V/JV	<b>Baxter</b>	5:00
May 28	Twin Cedars	V/JV	Twin Cedars	5:00
May 30	GMG	V/JV	Green Mountain	5:00
June 2	Lynnville-Sully	V	Lynnville	6:00
June 3	Collins-Maxwell	V/JV	Collins	5:00
June 6	Colo-NESCO	V/JV	<b>Baxter</b>	5:00
June 7	BCLUW	V	<b>Baxter</b>	5:30
June 8	Don Bosco	V/JV	Gilbertville	5:00
June 10	North Tama	V/JV	Traer	5:00
June 13	Riceville	V/JV	<b>Baxter</b>	3:00
June 15	Janesville	V/JV	Janesville	5:00
June 17	GMG	V/JV	<b>Baxter</b>	5:00
June 22	Clarksville	V/JV	Clarksville	5:00
June 23	Saydel	V/JV	<b>Baxter</b>	5:00
June 27	Dunkerton	V/JV	<b>Baxter</b>	5:00
June 28	Earlham	V	<b>Baxter</b>	5:00

# Baxter JV/V Softball 2022

Date	Opponent	Level	Location	Time
May 24	Collins-Maxwell	JV/V	<b>Baxter</b>	5:00
May 25	Colo-NESCO	JV/V	McCallsburg	5:30
May 26	Colfax-Mingo	V/JV	Colfax	5:00
May 27	North Tama	V/JV	<b>Baxter</b>	5:00
May 31	GMG	V/JV	Green Mountain	5:00
June 2	Lynnville-Sully	V	Lynnville	5:00
June 3	Collins-Maxwell	V/JV	Collins	5:00
June 4	Perry Tourney	V	Perry	7:00am
June 6	Colo-NESCO	JV/V	<b>Baxter</b>	5:00
June 8	Don Bosco	V/JV	Gilbertville	5:00
June 10	North Tama	V/JV	Traer	5:00
June 13	Riceville	V/JV	<b>Baxter</b>	3:00
June 15	Janesville	V/JV	Janesville	5:00
June 17	GMG	V/JV	<b>Baxter</b>	5:00
June 22	Clarksville	V/JV	Clarksville	5:00
June 23	PCM	JV/V	<b>Baxter</b>	5:30
June 25	NM Tourney	V	North Mahaska	7:00am
June 27	Dunkerton	V/JV	<b>Baxter</b>	5:00
June 30	Saydel	V/JV	<b>Baxter</b>	5:00

# Baxter JH Baseball 2022



Date	Opponent	Location	Time
June 1	BGM	<b>Baxter</b>	10:00
June 2	Collins-Maxwell	Collins	10:00
June 6	South Hamilton	<b>Baxter</b>	10:00
June 9	Montezuma	<b>Baxter</b>	10:00
June 10	Lynnville-Sully	Lynnville	10:00
June 13	Madrid	<b>Baxter</b>	10:00
June 16	Colo-NESCO	Colo	10:00
June 21	South Hamilton	SH	10:00
June 22	Colfax-Mingo	Colfax	10:00
June 23	GVC	<b>Baxter</b>	10:00
June 27	Colo-NESCO	<b>Baxter</b>	10:00
June 28	Collins-Maxwell	<b>Baxter</b>	10:00
June 30	Madrid	Madrid	10:00

# Baxter JH Softball 2022



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June 1	BGM	<b>Baxter</b>	10:00
June 2	Collins-Maxwell	Collins	10:00
June 6	South Hamilton	<b>Baxter</b>	10:00
June 9	Montezuma	<b>Baxter</b>	10:00
June 10	Lynnville-Sully	Lynnville	10:00
June 13	Madrid	<b>Baxter</b>	10:00
June 16	Colo-NESCO	Colo	10:00
June 20	DMC	<b>Baxter</b>	10:00
June 21	South Hamilton	SH	10:00
June 22	Colfax-Mingo	<b>Baxter</b>	10:00
June 23	GVC	<b>Baxter</b>	10:00
June 27	Colo-NESCO	<b>Baxter</b>	10:00
June 28	Collins-Maxwell	<b>Baxter</b>	10:00
June 30	Madrid	Madrid	10:00

# Bolts Winter Celebrations 2022

## STATE Wrestling

Cole Smith  
Callyn Bishop

## All-State Speech

Breaden Kelly

## All-Conference Boys

1st Team: Cody Damman  
Carson Scroggins

2nd Team: Nate McMinamen  
Treyton Travis

Honorable Mention: Rory Heer

ISC Player Of The Year:  
Carson Scroggins

ISC Coach Of The Year:  
Zach Hasselbrink

## All-Conference Girls

1st Team: Elie Tuhn  
Lilie Dansice

2nd Team: Emie Tuhn  
Mandee Selover

Honorable Mention: Ally Padget

ISC Player Of The Year:  
Elie Tuhn

ISC Coach Of The Year:  
Eric Padget

## ISC All-Star Game Awards

3 pt. Contest:

Ally Padget (girls)  
Rory Heer (boys)

ISC Dunk Champion:  
Nate McMinamen

**BAXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT --- PARENT/GUARDIAN NOTICE SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973**

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibits discrimination against persons with a disability in any program receiving federal financial assistance. In order to fulfill obligations under Section 504, the Baxter Community School District has the responsibility to avoid discrimination in policies and practices regarding its personnel and students. No discrimination against any person with a disability should knowingly be permitted in any of the programs and practices of the school system.

The Baxter Community School District has the responsibilities under Section 504, which included the obligations to identify, evaluate, and, if the student is determined to be eligible under Section 504, to afford access to appropriate educational services.

If the parent/guardian disagrees with the determination made by the professional staff of the school district, he/she has a right to file a grievance and to a hearing with an impartial hearing officer.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) also specifies rights related to educational records. This Act gives the parent or guardian the right to:

- 1) Inspect and review his/her child's educational records;
- 2) Make copies of these records;
- 3) Receive a list of the individuals having access to those records;
- 4) Ask for an explanation of any item in the records;
- 5) Ask for an amendment to any report on the grounds that it is inaccurate, misleading, or violates the child's rights; and
- 6) A hearing on the issue if the school refuses to make the amendment.

If there are questions, please feel free to contact the Equity/Section 504/ADA Coordinator for the State St., Baxter, IA 50028, (641) 227-3103.

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