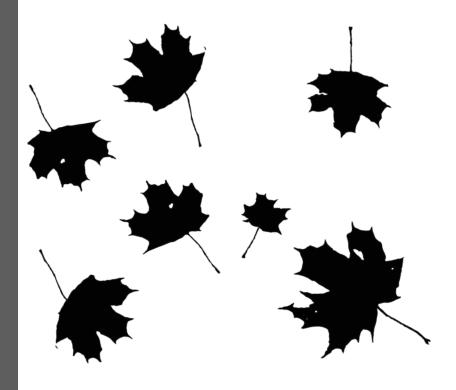
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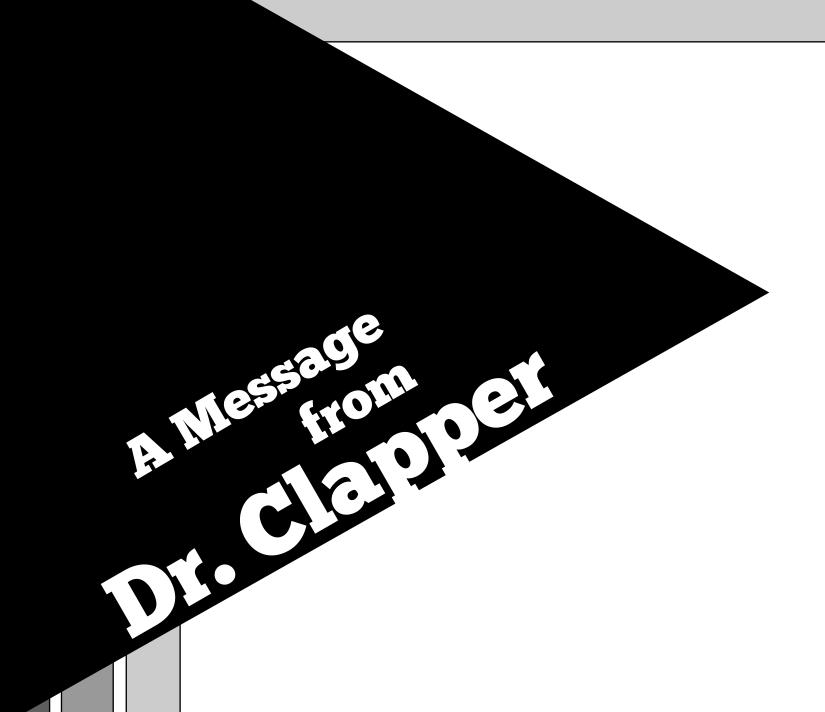
It's Fall

# DISTRICT NO.

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We are getting to the time of year when we often reflect on what we are thankful for. I am thankful for the supportive community we have here in Baxter. I am thankful for our students and their eagerness to learn and their curiosity, drive and determination. I am thankful for our staff and their continued dedication to the service of our students. I am thankful every day for our beautiful new building. I am also very thankful for our school board and their many hours of volunteer service they give to the district. I am thankful for the opportunity to call Baxter home and I am reminded that we are all very fortunate because Baxter truly is a special place to live and raise a family.

October is principal appreciation month and we are blessed to have principals that live up to the challenge. We appreciate Mr. Hasselbrink and Mr. Luther very much. Courageous leadership by our principals is essential and they are both excellent examples of courageous leaders. Principal appreciation month provides us an opportunity to publicly recognize the work, commitment, and importance of principals, assistant principals, and deans throughout the state. Thank you to our principals for all you do and for your work and leadership!!

As hard as it is to believe, it is almost Parent/Teacher conference time. This year we are having elementary and secondary conferences October 25th and October 27th from 4:00-8:00. Just a reminder school will be dismissed 2 hours early both of those days and that there will be no school Friday, October 28th. To prepare for the upcoming conferences, here are a few suggestions for a successful Parent/Teacher conference.

#### For Parents:

- 1. Ask your child if there is anything that he or she would like you to discuss with the teacher or possibly involve your child in the conference. By specifically discussing challenges or issues your child has, the conference will more likely lead to positive results.
- 2. Jot down everything you want to talk about at the conference. Oftentimes a list helps to ensure that you have discussed all of the items with the teacher.
- 3. Be open-minded to suggestions from the teacher. Conferences that are centered on collaborative efforts between the teacher and parent about possible strategies to help your child are typically the ones that have the most impact in bringing about change.
- 4. Take notes about what has been discussed to share with your child. By taking notes, you will be better able to communicate the results of the conference with your child which will hopefully lead to a consistency of expectations between parents, teachers, and students.

I hope everyone has a wonderful fall and we look forward to our continued partnerships with our community. Thank you to everyone for a great start to our school year and I hope you have a wonderful fall season.

Happy Fall!

Dr. Clapper



## **Monthly CKH Award Winners**

### **Elementary**

Students and staff were nominated by elementary staff members for the month of September.

**Students**: Jase Snyder, Noah Maxwell, Rylan Tabor, Harper Boike, Eli Plunkett, Harper Jones, Berkley Bowman, Louie Fredregill, Chloe Collins, Blake Langmaid, Mason Meeker, Emily Schweinbart, Sephirra Rupe, Olivia Mcinteer, Jamie Wall, Ava Maxwell, Lillie Robinson, and Ryan Rominger

Staff: Mrs. Casey O'Roake, Mrs. Allison Bartholmey, and Mrs. Whitney Boaz



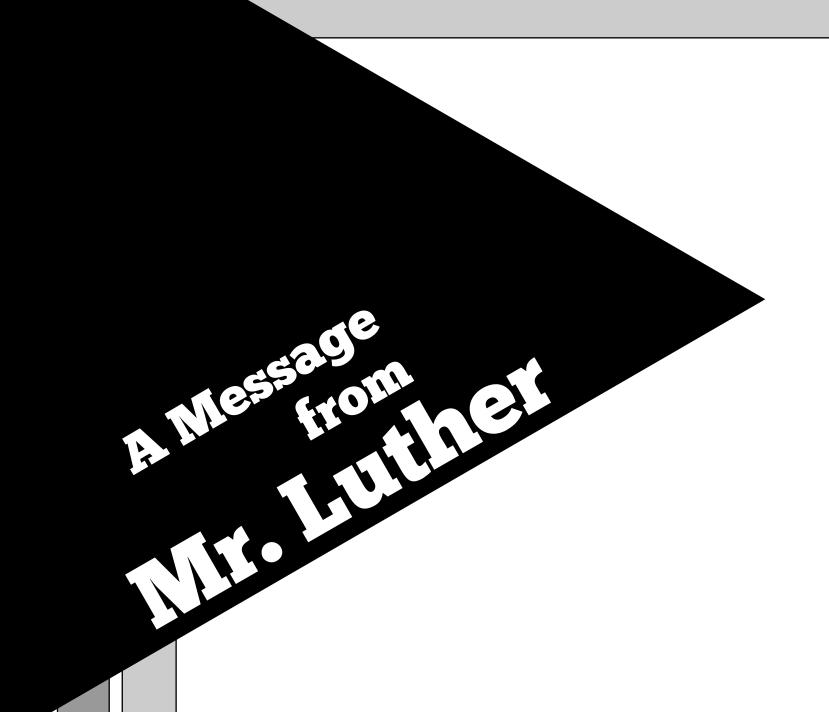
### **Secondary**

Students and staff were nominated by secondary staff members for the month of September.

**Students**: Cooper Smith, Josh Warden, Camryn Murphy, Kelcie Shedd and Paige Ewing.

Staff: Mr. Joe Amadeo





What a great time it is to be a BOLT! Whether you are a BOLT student, BOLT athlete, BOLT musician, BOLT teacher, or just a BOLT fan, this has been a great start to our school year. There are so many fantastic things happening. One of the major contributors to this has been our staff. Both our new staff and the veterans have been fantastic to work with. They are the ones in the trenches and the ones who work with our students each and every day. In the first couple of months, I have been so impressed with the quality of instruction and commitment to helping all kids learn and grow.

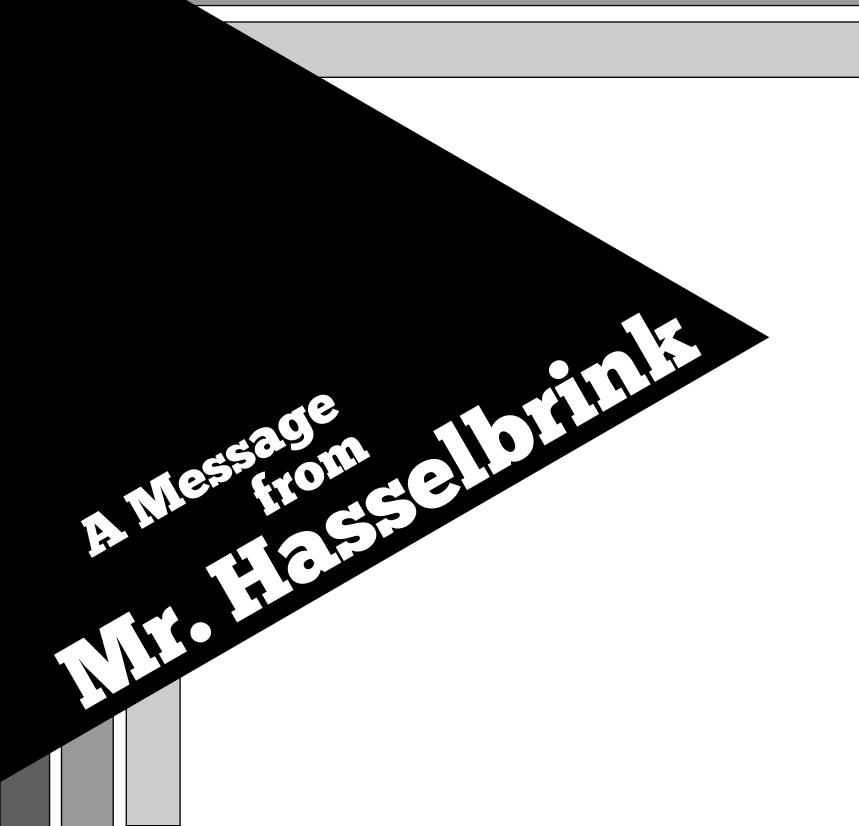
Our homecoming activities are always a highlight at the beginning of the year. Our students planned the week and helped provide so much fun. Our student body showed a ton of school spirit. Maybe the best moment of the week was at our pep rally where the stands were full and we had the opportunity to recognize all of our high school students who are involved in fall sports, cheer, and dance. I am always reminded that in 20 years students may not remember that awesome history lesson, but they will remember how they dressed up, played goofy games with their friends, played in the game, or their time at the dance.

Coming up this month will be our fall parent-teacher conferences. We will be holding these in the lunchroom where all 6-12 staff will be at tables. It is such a great opportunity to build a relationship with your student's teachers. Ask to see data. Look at standards and learning targets, talk about expectations and assessments. I also don't think the only involvement that parents should have are on those 2 nights a year. There are so many easy ways to communicate, get feedback, look at progress and stay involved.

If you ever feel your student needs some extra support, we have that time built into our day. You may hear the term BOLT time or WINN time. This time is an opportunity for students to spend some more individual time with teachers outside of the regular class schedule. We also have a new student success coordinator who is a great resource to use if you feel things are not going as well as you hoped. One of the great things about small schools and specifically Baxter, is we will do so much to be sure no one falls through the cracks.

As we approach the winter seasons, there are so many opportunities to be involved. We offer so many co-curricular activities. That is really what small schools should be about. Trying new things. Having new experiences. I hope the fall activities finish strong. Never forget it is a community school and we love having you at events.

Mr. Luther



We are entering a favorite season in Iowa. The trees are beginning to change, harvest is right around the corner, and football takes over the weekend. We have had a great start to our school year and look to continue our positive momentum forward. During the first two weeks of school, we spent time building "social contracts" in each classroom that highlight agreements of behaviors. These agreements reflect peer-to-peer, teacher-to-student, and student-to-teacher conversations and relationships. We have also put emphasis on observing and helping in our elementary classrooms. the importance of being respectful, responsible, and safe in all common areas of our school environment. These expectations help provide a common language of our expectations in and around the classroom. We feel these contracts and expectations help provide consistent and clear agreements of behavior throughout the elementary and help build lifelong skills One update around the district is our SRO (School for the future.

We have also begun daily morning meetings. These meetings incorporate strategies that help students navigate real-life situations. These lead to wonderful conversations and lessons that have helped our students incorporate newly acquired skills in real-life situations. These lessons pair well with our preexisting routines of a morning/afternoon handshake, student-led announcements, sharing of "good things" and weekly guidance lessons. Guidance lessons in October focused day to provide the best learning experience for all our on self-control but will shift toward topics related to responsibility and decision-making in November. We recently celebrated students who excelled in being respectful, responsible, and safe while also demonstrating great self-control on the final Friday of October during an elementary assembly. Students clapped, cheered, and celebrated each other for their hard work and for being positive models at Baxter move our school forward, and our teachers have Elementary. The assembly also brought our HS band and cheerleaders together to build community in our PK-12 building. The band played our fight song and cheerleaders taught us a cheer to help support our Bolts athletes throughout the year. Please follow and like the Baxter Elementary Facebook page to see all the great things happening in our classrooms and around our building.

During Homecoming week Mrs. Moorman, Mrs. Crook, Mr. Stribe, and Mrs. Boaz collaborated to set up an afternoon of fun and games outside. These games and challenges were themed around Homecoming and helped students work on their motor skills while helping celebrate our school. Having our students involved in our great homecoming traditions at Baxter was enjoyable. We have started with our Big Bolt/Little Bolt program which pairs high school students with elementary students. These students build relationships with each other and have opportunities to spend time with one another each week. The relationships they build with their "bigs" is building a great culture and a positive part of their week. It has been a successful and impactful program that we embrace. We also have some high school students These are positive partnerships, that help support our classrooms and help provide quality experiences for our high school students.

Resource Officer). Chief Daggett will work within our school in various ways but spends most of lunch and recess interacting with our students. He is in the building nearly every day, working to create relationships with our students. He will also lead our D.A.R.E. program for our 5th-grade students starting in a few weeks.

I am proud of the work of our teachers. They strive each students through collaboration. This collaboration is a meaningful and purposeful part of their week. Teachers plan for instruction and assessment, analyze assessments and classroom data, and make decisions about improving instruction and student learning. Collaboration is powerful work that will continue to adopted this as common practice. Relatedly, our students have embraced the start of the school year. Their effort in the classroom has been encouraging. We are excited about our start to the school year but look forward to continuing our progress. There are so many things to be thankful for at Baxter CSD. If you ever need anything, please feel free to reach out. You can reach the elementary office at 641-227-1121 or email me directly at zhasselbrink@baxter.k12.ia.us.

# **Counselor's Corner**

Mr. Travis Dee

Secondary School Counselor

641-227-1205

tdee@baxter.k12.ia.us

### "Countdown To Your Future" Provided by ICAN

#### **Juniors (Class of 2024)**

- Consider taking the ACT exam.
  Familiarize yourself with
  registration deadlines and test
  dates. Check colleges' entrance
  requirements to see which test(s)
  you need to take. Some colleges
  are test-optional. However, the
  ACT can still be used to qualify for
  merit-based scholarships. Take
  advantage of free online test
  preparation resources such as
  practice exams and study guides.
  Attend a college fair and talk with
  college representatives who visit
  our school.
- Review brochures and websites from colleges that interest you.

  Make a list of 8 to 10 colleges that fit your requirements, including careers.
- Begin scheduling visits to colleges. (This is the year to research your options.)

#### Seniors (Class of 2023)

- Begin submitting your admission applications to the colleges you are most interested in. Be aware of deadlines! Try to have your applications submitted by Nov. 1
- Know the priority dates for filing FAFSA at the colleges to which you're applying. Submit your completed FAFSA between Oct. 1 and your college's earliest priority date. ICAN can help (877) 272-4692 or ICANsucceed.org/apt
- Research scholarship days and deadlines at the schools to which you've applied. Fill out any additional scholarship forms before the deadline.

(Iowa College Access Network

ICAN , www.ICANsucceed.org)

#### **College News**

College representatives are setting up times to visit our school. I encourage interested sophomores, juniors, and seniors who would like to visit with these representatives to pay attention to the daily announcements and emails detailing the visits.

Seniors planning to apply for a two-year program at any community college, applications should go in ASAP to reserve your spot.

#### 2022-2023 ACT Test Dates

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Standby Deadline
December 10, 2022	November 4, 2022	November 11, 2022	December 2, 2022
February 11, 2023	January 6, 2023	January 20, 2023	February 3, 2023
April 15, 2023	March 10, 2023	March 24, 2023	April 7, 2023
June 10, 2023	May 5, 2023	May 19, 2023	June 2, 2023
July 15, 2023	June 16, 2023	June 23, 2023	July 7, 2023

#### On-line or PSEO Classes for second semester

Juniors and seniors interested in taking on-line or PSEO classes for the 2nd semester should visit with Mr. Dee toward the end of October. Please pay attention to announcements coming in October.

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buy your book.

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# BOLTS ABROAD 2024 Venice, Switzerland, and Paris

Cruise through Venice



Travel to the top of the Swiss Alps



See the city of lights in Paris



Spots still available for our 2024 Bolts Abroad trip!

Open to any current 6-12 students, families, alumni, and community members!

**For information email:** cbrummel@baxter.k12.ia.us



We are reaching the second half of fall athletic seasons. Below are a few key postseason dates:

#### Volleyball

10/15 - Iowa Star Conference Tournament @Janesville - 9:00am

10/17,19, 24, & 26 - Regional @TBA

11/1-11/3 - State Tournament

#### **Cross Country**

10/13 - Iowa Star Conference Meet @Wartburg College - 4:30pm

10/20 - State Qualifying Meet @TBA

10/28 - State Meet @Fort Dodge

#### Football

10/21 - 1st Round Playoff @TBA

10/28 - 2nd Round Playoff @TBA

11/3 - Quarterfinal @TBA

11/9 - Semifinal @UNI Dome

11/17 - Final @UNI Dome

As we approach winter seasons, please make sure all physicals, concussion forms, and med cards are completed and turned into Angie Wesselink (awesselink@baxter.k12.ia.us).

For schedules, event information, cancellations, and postponements, please follow Baxter Bolts Activities (@BaxterBoltsAD), the Baxter CSD facebook page, Bound (Baxter page link: https://www.gobound.com/ia/schools/baxter), and/or our district google document (Winter Seasons Link: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Qqx3GPE8nJKz9lk4AOeZLaSPg 3BUo6QJMCB7iApMLDA/edit#gid=0).

We are still looking to fill a few coaching positions. Below are all current positions available. If interested, please contact Scott Pierce (spierce@baxter.k12.ia.us).

- HS Assistant Girls Track
- HS Assistant Boys Track
- HS Assistant Baseball
- HS Wrestling Cheer
- MS Wrestling

Below are a few key dates for our **Fine Arts** events coming up this winter season:

11/14 - Iowa Star Band Festival @Riceville - 9:00am

12/12 - JH/HS Winter Concert (Band & Choir) - East Gym - 7:00pm

1/6 - Dance Showcase - West Gym - 6:00pm

1/26 & 1/27 - Aca Deca Regional @Des Moines

3/3 & 3/4 - Aca Deca State

2/22 - Iowa Star Conference Speech Festival @Waterloo Christian

# \*\*\*MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*\* October 2022 Baxter CSD

NOTES: ***Milk is offered at breakfast and lunch each day.***	Monday, October 3	Tuesday, October 4	Wednesday, October 5	Thursday, October 6	Friday, October 7
Breakfast: \$1.70 -includes menu item(s), fruit/juice, milk -students must choose ½ c fruit + 2 other items Doors Open at 7:30.	Chicken Nuggets Sweet Potato Fries Com Peach Crisp	<b>Pulled Pork</b> / Bun French Fries Romaine Salad Bar Bananas	Original Crispitos! Cheese Sauce Shredded Lettuce Refried Beans/ Salsa Red Peppers Watermelon	Scalloped Potatoes with Ham Bread and Butter Green Beans Cottage Cheese Strawberries	Housemade Pizza: Cheese or Pepperoni Cherry Tomatoes Baby Carrots Fruit Slush
Breakfast Served 7:35-7:55. Late Start Breakfast 9:00-9:15	B: Breakfast Snack Pack	<b>B</b> : Cinnamon Roll	B: Breakfast Sandwich	<b>B</b> : Breakfast Pizza	<b>B</b> : Donut
Continental Breakfast available in addition to the menu. It includes	Monday, October 10	Tuesday, October 11	Wednesday, October 12	Thursday, October 13	Friday, October 14
do t	Ham and Cheese on Wheat Bread Crispy Ranch ChickPeas French Fries Assorted Mixed Fruit Rice Krispie Treat	Chicken Sandwich/ Bun Lettuce/Tomato/Onion Italian Macaroni Salad Baby Carrots Celery Oranges	Walking Tacos (lettuce, cheese, onion, tomato) Refried Beans Mango Juice Cantelope	Homemade Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Homemade Bread Cheese Stick Fresh Brocoli Raisels	Housemade Pizza: Chicken Bacon Ranch or Cheese Cucumbers Red Peppers Fruit Slush
Adult or Guest Breakfast: \$2.00 Extra Milk: \$0.50 What does a lunch meal consist of?	B: Breakfast Snack Pack	B: Cinnamon Roll	B: Breakfast Sandwich	<b>B</b> : Breakfast Pizza	B: Donut
Students are encouraged to select 5 components (grain, meat, fruit,	Monday, October 17	Tuesday, October 18	Wednesday, October 19	Thursday, October 20	Friday, October 21
vegetable and mink); nowever, students are only required to select 3 components. <b>One MUST be a</b> ½ <b>cup</b> fruit or ½ <b>cup</b> vegetable.	Popcorn Chicken Tater Tots Peas Pears	Sloppy Joe/ Bun Candied Carrots Baby Tomatoes Potato Salad	Soft Tacos Shredded Lettuce Salsa Com	Baked Ziti w/ Meat Sauce Garlic Bread Red Peppers Cherry Star Juice	Housemade Pizza Sausage or Cheese Romaine Salad Bar Dradon Punch
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**MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**	Monday, October 24	Tuesday, October 25	Wednesday, October 26	Thursday, October 27	Friday, October 28
DUE TO SUPPLY CHAIN CHALLENGES, MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE OFFERS LIKELY TO CHANGE BASED ON SEASONAL AVAILABILITY.	Hot Dog/ Chili Dog Green Beans Chips Baby Carrots Pears	Chicken Tenders Roll Mashed Potatoes/ Gravy Broccoli Oranges	Plain Popcorn Chicken or Original Orange Chicken Enriched White Rice Edamame Fortune Cookies Watermelon	Cheeseburger / Bun Lettuce/Tomato/Onion Baked Beans Sweet Potato Tots Oranges	No School
THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER.	B: Breakfast Snack Pack	<b>B:</b> Cinnamon Roll	<b>B</b> : Breakfast Sandwich	<b>B</b> : Breakfast Pizza	

# Baxter CSD

# November 2022

NOTES: ***Milk is offered at breakfast and lunch each dav.***	Monday, October 31	Tuesday, November 1	Wednesday, November 2	Thursday, November 3	Friday, November 4
Breakfast: \$1.70 -includes menu item(s), fruit/juice, milk -students must choose ½ c fruit + 2 other items Doors Open at 7:30.	Breakfast for Lunch! Omelet, Hash Browns Sausage, Pancakes Fruit Cocktail, Cherry Punch B: Breakfast Snack Pack	BBQ Rib Patty Baked Beans Baby Carrots Mandarin Oranges Pumpkin Bar B: Cinnamon Roll	Cheese or Chicken Bacon Ranch Quesadilla Shradded Lettuce/Salsa Spanish Rice, Bananas Dragon Punch B: Breakfast Sandwich	Homemade Chicken and Noodles with Roll Mashed Potatoes Peas Grapes B: Breakfast Pizza	Housemade Pizza Pepperoni or Cheese Fresh Broccoli, Cauliflower Fruit Slushee B: Donut
Breakfast Served 7:35-7:55. Late Start Breakfast 9:00-9:15	Monday, November 7	Tuesday, November 8	Wednesday, November 9	Thursday, November 10	Friday, November 11
Continental Breakfast available in addition to the menu. It includes juice, fruit, cereal and a pop tart or granola bar.	Corn Dog Green Beans Chips Baby Carrots	Beef Burger / Bun Sidewinder Fries Corn BBQ Roasted Chickpeas	Frito Pie (Frito & Chili) Cheese Sauce Shredded Lettuce Salsa/ Sour Cream	Chicken Leg w/ Roll Cheesy Potatoes Green Beans Baby Carrots	Housemade Pizza Chicken Affredo or Cheese Red Peppers with Ranch Mango Punch
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Adult or Guest Breakfast: \$2.00 Extra Milk: \$0.50 What does a lunch meal consist of?	Monday, November 14	Tuesday,November 15	Wednesday, November 16	Thursday, November 17	Friday, November 18
Students are encouraged to select 5 components (grain, meat, fruit, vegetable and milk), however, students are only required to select 3 components. One MUST be a ½ cup fruit or ½ cup vegetable.	Chicken Nuggets Sweet Potato Fries Corn Apples Rice Krispie Treat	Pulled Pork / Bun French Fries Romaine Salad Bar Bananas	Crispitos w/ Cheese Sauce Elementary only- or Queso Pull-Aparts Refried Beans/ Salsa Red Peppers	Homemade Beef and Noodles with Roll Mashed Potatoes Fresh Broccoli, Baby Carrots Applesauce	Housemade Pizza: Cheese or Pepperoni Cherry Tomatoes Celery & Peanut Butter Fruit Slush
MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL MAY HAVE ACCESS TO ALA CARTE	B: Breakfast Snack Pack	<b>B</b> : Cinnamon Roll	B: Breakfast Sandwich	<b>B:</b> Breakfast Pizza	<b>B</b> : Donut
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# 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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