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OCTOBER &
NOVEMBER-2025



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A MESSAGE
FROM

Mr. Petersen

The school year is off to a great start, and it is hard to believe we are already through one quarter of the year! This time of year is always full of excitement and busy schedules. We have had a great start with our four-day instructional week and students have been busy with various fall sports and activities. It is also that time of year that schools are focused on two important "E's": enrollment and elections.

October 1st is the deadline for what is called certified enrollment, and that process is finalized on October 15th. This is when we officially determine the number of students in our district for funding. This year we have some very positive news in that our certified enrollment number is up by two students. This may not seem like much, but the vast majority of schools across Iowa are experiencing declining enrollment. Those hit especially hard have been rural schools. We have been able to negate that trend and see a stable and slightly increasing certified enrollment over the course of the past three years. I truly believe that this is a testament to the work our teachers do on a daily basis as well as the great things the community has to offer.

The other major "E" we are focused on is elections. One important funding mechanism that we rely heavily upon is something called the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy or PPEL. This levy can be used for a number of expenditures including construction of buildings, purchasing property, buses and technology, and energy conservation expenditures. It cannot be used for staff salaries or supplies as those must come from our general fund. Our district has had a voter-approved PPEL in place for over 30 years, and on November 4th, we are asking voters to extend that levy. This WILL NOT increase the tax rate for district patrons, and we will continue to utilize the funds for ongoing facility maintenance needs of our district. These funds generate roughly \$95,000 per year and are generated from a combination of property tax and income surtax. Without this levy, we will be required to fund these expenditures from other sources, most notably our general fund. This would place an additional burden on that fund that we use over 80% of to fund salaries and benefits. We do not take lightly asking our voters for continuation of this levy during difficult economic times. However, we feel that the continuation of the PPEL levy is in the best interest of our students, staff, and community as we continue to be committed to providing the highest quality education to our students. If you have any questions about this levy, please do not hesitate to reach out to me by email or phone at 641-227-3102.

As always, I want to thank all of our families and our community for the continued support of Baxter schools. We greatly appreciate and encourage continued family and community involvement in everything we do at Baxter. Thanks for making Baxter a great district and community!

Educationally,

Chris Petersen

Superintendent

Welcome to the Bolts Cafe!

October/November 2025 - Tasha McPherson, Food Service Director - (641) 227-1134 - tmcpherson@baxter.k12.ia.us

Baxter CSD Food & Nutrition Services



National School Lunch Week - Oct 14-17

We'll "taste the world" with foods inspired by China, United States, El Salvador, & Italy! Look for *new* foods in October! 🍁

Holidays Around the Corner...

Celebrate "Boltsgiving" on November 13 with Roast Turkey. On December 11, we shall "present" you with Baked Ham. 🎁

MS/HS Smart Snacks 🍪

We have begun to offer an ala carte item of the day to MS/HS students to help combat their hunger in the extended school day! All items meet nutritional guidelines and are priced between \$.50-2.00 each. Students must have a positive balance (or cash) to purchase these items. All purchases can be tracked in your JMC family portal. To limit or block purchases, please reach out to us if you have not already done so.

Free/Reduced Meals 🇺🇸

Free or reduced meals available to those who qualify! Applications and more information can be found in JMC (registration-apply for educational benefits), on the school's website, or upon request. You may apply at any time. Eligibility information is kept confidential. Reach out with any questions. **(Status rolled over from last year expires October 14th!)**

School Breakfast Program - starts at 7:25 a.m.

Mornings can be rushed, but it is important to make time for breakfast. Studies show that school breakfast can raise test scores while improving classroom attentiveness and behavior. Make sure your kids start the school day with a healthy meal! Our program offers whole grains, fruit, juice, and milk with every meal!



Kitchen Staff Substitutes

Would you, could you cook and read a recipe from a book? Would you, could you serve healthy food? With a smile on your face, and in a good mood? Then come in, come in, come one and all! We're serving great meals, inquire this Fall! We're looking for subs, available on call!

Our institution is an equal opportunity provider.

October 21	October 22	October 23	October 24
Walking Taco With salsa/toppings Refried Beans Pepper Strips Pears <i>B: Mini Donuts</i>	Hot Ham & Cheese/Bun Green Beans Celery Sticks <i>PB</i> Pineapple <i>B: Mini Waffles</i>	<i>New</i> Boneless Wings French Fries Baby Carrots Fresh Fruit Rice Krispy Treat <i>B: Breakfast Sandwich</i>	French Bread Pizza <i>Pepperoni or Garlic Cheese</i> Romaine Salad Fresh Veggies Fruit Slushie <i>B: Donut</i>
October 28	October 29	October 30	October 31
Cheese Omelet Pancakes Hash Brown Ruby Rush Juice Mixed Fruit <i>B: Biscuit & Gravy</i>	Pork Tenderloin/Bun French Fries Roasted Chickpeas Applesauce Cup <i>B: Cinnamon Roll</i>	<i>New Recipe</i> Pulled Chicken Rotini Diced Carrots, Roll Fresh Broc./Caul. Fresh Fruit, Cookie <i>B: Breakfast Sandwich</i>	Deep Dish Pizza <i>Pepperoni or Cheese</i> Romaine Salad Fresh Veggies Orange Fruit Slushie <i>B: Donut</i>

November 2025

Baxter CSD Menu	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 <i>Breakfast:</i> 7:25-7:45 a.m. preK-12 \$1.90 Adult \$2.20 Milk only \$.70 <i>Alternate entree (cereal, pop tart, etc.), fruit, juice, & milk choice offered daily.</i> <i>Lunch:</i> K-5 \$3.00 6-12 \$3.10 Adult \$5.20 Milk only \$.70 <i>Alternate fruit & milk choice offered daily.</i> <i>Alternate entree (deli sub, chef salad, etc.) and ala carte "smart snack" items may be made available to MS/HS students.</i> Questions for the kitchen? Call or email: Tasha McPherson Food Service Director (641) 227-1134 or tmcpherson@baxter.k12.ia.us Menu is subject to change. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.	November 4	November 5	November 6	November 7
	Teriyaki Chicken/Rice Broccoli Roasted Edamame Mandarin Oranges WG Treat <i>B: Yogurt & Muffin</i>	BBQ Rib/Bun French Fries Celery Sticks <i>PB</i> Apple Slices <i>B: Mini French Toast</i>	Chicken Drum./Roll AuGratin Potatoes Baby Carrots Strawberry Cup <i>B: Breakfast Sandwich</i>	Quesadilla Pizza <i>Chicken or Cheese</i> Romaine Salad Fresh Veggies Fruit Slushie <i>B: Donut</i>
	November 11	November 12	November 13	November 14
	Crispito/Cheese Sauce Romaine Salad Fresh Veggies Peaches <i>B: Omelet Wrap</i>	Breaded Chicken/Bun French Fries Roasted Chickpeas Craisins <i>B: Cinnamon Roll</i>	Roast Turkey/Roll Mash Potato & Gravy Baby Carrots Cinnamon Apple Cup <i>B: Breakfast Sandwich</i>	Cheese Bosco Sticks Marinara Cup Romaine Salad Fresh Veggies Fruit Slushie <i>B: Donut</i>
	November 18	November 19	November 20	November 21
	Mini Corn Dogs Sweet Tater Tots Fresh Veggies Mixed Fruit Cup <i>B: Mini Donuts</i>	Pulled Pork/Bun French Fries Baby Carrots Applesauce <i>B: Mini Waffles</i>	Soft Taco w/toppings Mexican Rice Refried Beans Banana <i>B: Breakfast Sandwich</i>	Retro Square Pizza <i>Pepperoni or Cheese</i> Romaine Salad Fresh Veggies Fruit Slushie <i>B: Donut</i>
	November 24	November 25	November 26-28	
	Monday Cook's Choice - TBD	Tuesday Cook's Choice - TBD	Holiday Break Happy Thanksgiving!	
				School Resumes December 2nd



Baxter Public Library



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Baxter Public Library

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PHONE:
641-227-3934

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY?

There's always something fun happening at the library! Whether you're looking for story time, games, or a good book chat – we've got something for every age and interest.



WEEKLY EVENTS:

CRIBBAGE CLUB

(October–March)
Mondays at 4:00 p.m.

Join us for friendly competition and great conversation as we play one of the most classic card games around!

PUBLIC STORY TIME

(Ages 0–5)
Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.

Little ones will love stories, songs, and early learning fun with friends!

AFTER SCHOOL FUN

(Grades 1–5)
Wednesdays from 3:45–4:30 p.m.
Crafts, games, and creative projects to brighten up your midweek afternoons.

WINTER EVENTS:

PIZZA & PUZZLE NIGHT

Thursday, November 13th at 6:00 p.m.
Grab a slice, gather your team, and see who can finish their puzzle first!

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Friday, December 19th at 5:00 p.m.
Celebrate the season with festive treats, crafts, and holiday cheer for all ages!



MONTHLY EVENTS:

ADULT BOOK CLUB

First Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.
Enjoy good books and great company as we discuss a new title each month.

CHAPTER CHATTER & PAGE TURNER BOOK CLUBS

Second Tuesday of every month
3:45–4:30 p.m.
Get ready for lively book discussions and fun activities!
Upcoming meetings: November 11th & December 9th

STORY-TIME SATURDAYS

Tales for All Ages
Third Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m.
A weekend story time for the whole family to enjoy together.

LEGO & CHESS CLUB

Last Monday of the month at 2:00 p.m.
(Pre-registration required)
Build, strategize, and play! Perfect for students in grades K–8.
Note: In November, we'll meet from 3:45–4:30 due to the school schedule.

NEW LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday & Tuesday: 9:00–6:00
Wednesday & Thursday: 12:00–5:00
Saturday: 9:00–12:00



Can't make it during regular hours?
Take advantage of our hold service, available to all patrons! City residents can also enjoy our delivery option for added convenience.

NOVEMBER

2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Hominy Ridge 4h Club 6:30pm	Cribbage Club 4pm Book Club 6pm	Story-time 10am	After School Fun Club 3:45pm			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Cribbage Club 4pm	Story-time 10am Chapter Chatter & Page Turners 3:45pm	After School Fun Club 3:45pm	Puzzle & Pizza Night 6-8pm		Story-Time Saturday: Tales for all ages 10am
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Cribbage Club 4pm	Story-time 10am	After School Fun Club 3:45pm			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Lego & Chess Club 2pm Cribbage Club 4pm	Story-time 10am	Closed	 Closed		Closed
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

DECEMBER

2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Cribbage Club 4pm Book Club 6pm	Story-time 10am	After School Fun Club 3:45pm			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Cribbage Club 4pm	Story-time 10am Chapter Chatter & Page Turners 3:45pm	After School Fun Club 3:45pm			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Cribbage Club 4pm	Story-time 10am	After School Fun Club 3:45pm		Holiday Open House 5-7pm	Story-Time Saturday: Tales for all ages 10am
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Cribbage Club 4pm	Story-time 10am	Closed	Closed		Closed
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
	Holiday Hours 12-3 Lego & Chess Club 2pm	Holiday Hours 9-12	Closed			

A MESSAGE
FROM

Mr. Harold

Fall is upon us and the school year is flying right along! Homecoming has now come and gone and another great experience was had by all. Fall conferences are right around the corner and we look forward to engaging with our families to better embrace the learning experience for all. A few notes about conferences for both this fall and in March:

- Conferences are set for October 20 and March 9
- Time allotted for those are 11:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Teachers will be conducting conferences in their individual classrooms
- A sign-up genius will be sent to you to secure a time that works best with your schedule
- Please note that teachers will have some time blocked off for themselves to take a short break

You may recall, back in August, we had a consent letter available at our open house for families to sign giving permission for students to take a culture survey. I just wanted to provide a brief update that we're still looking for the best opportunity to conduct this survey. As laws have changed, a signed consent is required for each particular student to take a survey. Just following up on that matter.

Winter activity sign-ups are currently underway for both middle school and high school sports. We have also had interest from our students in having a play this school year and some other clubs. It's a great time to be a Bolt!

I have said this before and I will keep saying it always, our school and community partnership is truly outstanding. There are times I have to connect with families about occurrences that are not on the greatest terms. However, the ability to discuss complex issues and problem-solve to find solutions for our students is second to none at Baxter. That truly comes back down to all of you! Your support is unparalleled and truly appreciated!

Clay Harrold
6-12 Principal

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

MR. TRAVIS DEE

SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNSELOR

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Counselor's Corner will provide information related to the personal/social, academic, and career development of our students. The counseling department provides services to students, parents, school staff, and the community in the following areas: core curriculum, individual student planning, and responsive services.

FAFSA COMPLETION EVENT AT BAXTER HIGH SCHOOL OCTOBER 28 4:00-7:00 PM

Filling out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is important for every family, regardless of income. Many colleges, scholarship programs, and state aid opportunities use FAFSA information to determine eligibility for financial help—not just need-based aid. Completing the FAFSA ensures that students don't miss out on grants, scholarships, or even low-interest loans that can make college more affordable.

ICAN is the state's leader in supporting families with FAFSA and other college planning topics. ICAN leads FAFSA completion initiatives to coordinate financial aid events for more than two decades.

Baxter High School will be hosting a FAFSA Completion Event on Tuesday, October 28 from 4-7 pm. ICAN FAFSA experts will be on site to support you with this process.

BHS SILVER CORD PROGRAM

Our Silver Cord program honors students who demonstrate leadership through service. Students who complete an average of 40 hours of volunteer work each year in high school earn special recognition. Interested students should contact Mr. Dee and look for volunteer opportunities both in school and the community.

2025-2026 ACT TEST DATES

TEST DATE	REGULAR REGISTRATION DEADLINE	LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE	PHOTO UPLOAD / STANDBY DEADLINE
December 13, 2025	November 7, 2025	November 24, 2025	December 5, 2025
February 14, 2026	January 9, 2026	January 23, 2026	February 6, 2026
April 11, 2026	March 6, 2026	March 24, 2026	April 3, 2026
June 13, 2026	May 8, 2026	May 29, 2026	June 5, 2026
July 11, 2026	June 5, 2026	June 24, 2026	July 3, 2026

BAXTER MIDDLE SCHOOL HOMECOMING SIDEWALK PAINTINGS

Students brought back a fun Baxter tradition this year by decorating the sidewalks for Homecoming with colorful, creative artwork. Each homeroom designed two paintings centered around the theme "Bolts: A Homecoming in Rio." The project encouraged teamwork, school spirit, and sportsmanship as students worked together to fill their sidewalk spaces with bright designs celebrating Baxter. It was great to see everyone involved and showing pride in our school while keeping things positive and respectful.



A MESSAGE FROM

Mr. Hasselbrink

It's been a great start at Baxter Elementary; our students and staff have jumped right into the work and are already seeing optimistic data. During the first few weeks of school, our students learn and engage in appropriate behaviors in our common areas. This creates a school-wide understanding of the accepted behaviors and expectations in and around school. The common understanding drives our behavior protocols and provides clarity to students and staff alike. In each classroom, our teams create social contracts for agreements on behavior as it relates specifically to the learning environment. These contracts help provide easily understandable agreements, peer to peer, peer to adult, and adult to peer. These initial expectations and routines help establish a consistent and clear culture for the entire school year.

Some key words all students have been learning and using these initial weeks of school include kindness and respect. We have our kindness kickoff, which helps encourage students to choose kindness in all settings. We have daily and weekly time set aside towards learning about important character traits of kindness, respect, responsibility, gratitude, empathy, perseverance, honesty, cooperation, courage, and creativity. We celebrate our learning and application of these characteristics each month at our assembly. Students clap, cheer, and encourage each other for their positive impacts, and then we always celebrate with a school-wide acknowledgment. You can always follow along with our fun and daily happenings on our Baxter Elementary Facebook page.

Over the course of the school year, we have time dedicated to professional learning and development for our staff. During pre-service, we were able to attend a speaker, Brian Mendler, who spoke of the importance of relationships, believing in all, and being a champion for kids. It was a strong message and emphasized a key area of our Baxter mission, vision, and collective commitments. An elementary specific area of learning revolves around writing instruction. We have partnered with a leader in the field to bolster our curriculum and instruction, specifically in writing. This area of growth was determined by reflective data of teachers and local classroom data collection. Our elementary teachers have a strong belief in continued improvement and finding ways to model lifelong learning to our students. This is just another example of their commitment, and we are encouraged to see how the content-specific learning impacts all.

Our WINN times have hit the ground running and aim to provide a multi-tiered level of support for students. An area of emphasis this year is around math fact fluency and the importance of students gaining mastery of facts through a calculated process, starting with conceptual knowledge, leading to reasoning skills, and ending with abstract automaticity. We aim to provide students with the skills and knowledge needed for personal success. Our school is constantly changing and evolving in practices based on our previous experiences, building on the successes and altering the less impactful practices.

Our Big Bolt Little Bolt program is successfully underway. This program pairs a high school “big” with an elementary “little” and they meet weekly to build trusting relationships throughout the district. This past month, they were an integral part of the tree planting at both our school and Giese Park. Also, our SRO, Deputy Britton, has been a tremendous asset to our school team. Most of you will see him before school at drop-off. He is always providing high-fives and smiles, and students are always eager to interact with him and his companion, the most popular four-legged friend, John. We appreciate his commitment to our students, staff, and community.

As you can tell, I am proud of the work we have done together in our elementary school setting. Our students and staff are hard-working, and our continued growth is a testament to that hard work and execution. We have a great staff that supports, collaborates, and believes in high levels of student learning for our students. It’s been a great start to fall, and we look forward to continuing our work for the rest of the 2025/26 school year and beyond. 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.



A MESSAGE FROM BAXTER CSD SRO

Deputy Josh Britton

I am so very excited to introduce myself in the newsletter and to announce a couple of things that I have going on and have gotten started on already. My name is Josh Britton, I work for the Jasper County Sheriff's Office and have been assigned as the School Resource Officer for the Baxter School District. This is actually my second go around with the Sheriff's Office, serving 8 years previously. As the SRO, my duties include, but are certainly not limited to, law enforcement within and around the school, routine patrol around the school and it's properties, being a law enforcement liaison for the school, help with safety plans, coordinating drills, teaching within the school different topics to all grade levels.

Some of the things that I have been doing while starting this school year are creating a "Silver Cord" opportunity for serving as a crossing guard for the Little Bolts as they cross the street to recess, reading books to various classes, updating the school safety plan, and working on updating the school safety bags.

One thing that I'm particularly excited about is getting started with the DARE program in 5th grade, again! I can't explain how much joy it brings to be able to help the 5th graders explore the world and try to help them in making safe and responsible choices. In the ten week DARE program, we will cover Drug Facts and Health Effects about alcohol and tobacco products, talk about the DARE Decision Making Model that will assist in making some of these life decisions, being a good citizen, and how to resist peer pressure.

I'm very happy to be a part of the Baxter Bolt family and look forward to continuing to plug into the community and getting to know all the students and staff!

Josh Britton #50-35
Baxter SRO/Jasper County Sheriff's Office

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STUDENT



News

Sorry We Missed You...

2024-2025

2ND SEMESTER HONOR ROLL

7TH GRADE:

Lilyan Pickett
Noah Stratton
Tylan Tabor
Natalie Wilcox

8TH GRADE:

Noah Dille



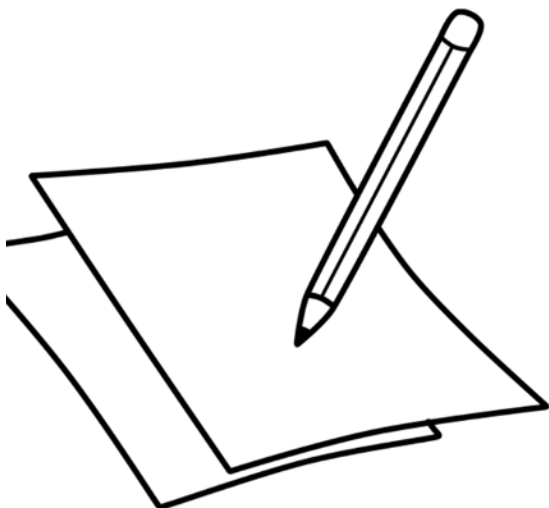
THIRD GRADE

P E N P A L S



The 3rd grade students have started their Pen Pal writing with the volunteers from the Jasper County Retire and Senior Volunteer Program.

The students kicked off the Pen Pal program in September by receiving their first letter and getting to know their new pen pal. They then took a week to write back to tell their pen pals a little about themselves. Each month our students will receive a letter to read and then will write back to inform their pen pal about all that has been going on in their life from school to sports. Our pen pal program helps our students practice their letter writing skills, learn about someone from a different generation and make a new friend who cares about them. We love watching the friendships grow throughout the year!



BAXTER FFA



2025- 2026 OFFICERS

President: Klaire Shanks
Vice-President: Rilyn Titus
Secretary: Luci Kucera
Treasurer: Harleigh Cross
Reporter: Alyvia Burdess
Sentinel: Kaylyn Krampe
Jr. Advisor: Kamdyn Krampe
Advisor: Ms. Williams

The FFA year is off to a great start! Over the summer, we hosted a lunch for the WHO Tractor Ride, showed livestock at the Jasper County and State Fair, and have enjoyed chapter meetings and socials together. On September 16th, 16 members attended South Central CDE Day in Osceola, IA.

SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT CDE DAY RESULTS:

- Advanced Livestock Judging
 - Klaire Shanks, Rilyn Titus, Luci Kucera: 4th place team
 - Ben Ratliff, Colton Clausen, Masyn Titus, Derek Rominger: 13th place team
- Novice Livestock Judging
 - Claire Kucera, Riley Ratliff, Kadion Bucklin, Ryan Rominger: 15th place team
- Advanced Horse Judging
 - Taylor Cross, Harleigh Cross, Sydney Beavers: 5th place team
- Novice Horse Judging
 - Lauren McKibben and Macie Jones: 26th place team

NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

- National FFA is coming up October 29th through November 1st.
Seven (7) members will be traveling to Indianapolis, IN where we will attend the convention, expo, and go on tours of Fair Oaks Dairy Farm and Churchill Downs.

To stay up to date on the Baxter FFA chapter activities follow our socials!
Instagram: baxterboltsffa
Facebook: Baxter FFA

BAXTER FCCLA

FALL LEADERSHIP RALLY

FCCLA members had an incredible day at the Fall Leadership Rally held on October 8th at Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge, Iowa! Students proudly represented our chapter as they competed in a variety of Iowa Events and brought home an impressive collection of ribbons. A special congratulations goes out to Lauren McKibbin and Camden Moffit, who earned top honors and will advance to the State Leadership Conference this March! It was an inspiring day full of leadership, teamwork, and success for our amazing FCCLA members.

BACK ROW - GWEN TICHY, AVERY WONDERS, BRIAH MORTENSON, CAMDEN MOFFIT, PIPER REDMAN, WILLOW GRIMES, AMANDA TOW (ADVISER)
FRONT ROW - NOAH STRATTON, BRYNNLEE MORTENSON, LAUREN MCKIBBIN, LYDIA TICHY, ASHLYN MAHONEY, ELLA MOFFIT, BRENNAN OGLESBY

CAMDEN MOFFIT, MAKING HER GRILLED CHEESE IN ICCC CULINARY LABS

NOAH STRATTON & ASHLYN MAHONEY WITH THEIR FINISHED GRILLED CHEESE

CAMDEN MOFFIT 1ST PLACE - LEVEL 3 GRILLED CHEESE CHALLENGE

ELLA MOFFIT 2ND PLACE - LEVEL 1 DIP CHALLENGE

LAUREN MCKIBBIN 1ST PLACE - LEVEL 1 GRILLED CHEESE CHALLENGE

GWEN TICHY 1ST PLACE - LEVEL 3 DIP CHALLENGE

AVERY WONDERS 2ND PLACE - LEVEL 3 CHILD SAFETY POSTER

MRS. MOFFIT AND LAUREN MCKIBBIN READY TO MAKE GRILLED CHEESE

BLACK OUT FOR A CAUSE

Get ready to make a difference—and maybe earn yourself a day off from classwork! 🌟 December 23rd students will have the opportunity to black out teacher's classrooms.

In this community service challenge, students will team up with their advisory groups to collect non-perishable food items for our local food pantry. Each group will receive a specific list of items to track down. If your group collects every single item on the list, your classroom will be officially "blackout out"—meaning no lessons, no assignments, just a well-deserved break for doing good!

Along the way, students will also learn about food insecurity and food deserts—important issues that affect millions of families across the country. Together, we'll help fill pantry shelves, fight hunger, and shine a light on how small actions can create big change. Ready to make an impact and earn your blackout day? Let's do this! 💚🍌



ACTIVITIES



News

FINE ARTS THIS FALL

Nov. 17th- Iowa Star Conference Honor Choir at Riceville

Dec. 22nd - Elementary/ MS/ HS Winter Concert

Kindergarten-2nd Grade (5:00-5:30)

3rd Grade-5th Grade (5:45-6:15)

6th Grade-8th Grade (7:00-8:00)

9th Grade-12th Grade (8:00-9:00)

POST SEASON FOR FALL SPORTS

Good Luck to all of our Fall Athletic Teams as they entered postseason competitions.

VOLLEYBALL

Oct. 18th Iowa Star Conference Tournament (Gold Bracket at GMG, Silver Bracket at Rockford)

Oct. 20th VB First Round Regional at Lynnville-Sully

CROSS COUNTRY

Oct. 16th Iowa Star Conference XC Meet at Wartburg College

Oct. 23rd State Qualifying Meet

Nov. 1st State XC Meet: 1A

FOOTBALL

Oct. 24th- 1st Round State Football Begins

DANCE

Oct. 24th- State Solo Qualifier at Pella

SWIMMING & DIVING

Nov. 6th- Regional Meet

Nov. 14th-15th- State Swimming & Diving Meet

COACHING VACANCIES

Assistant High School Boys Track

All sports schedules can be found via <https://www.gobound.com/ia/schools/baxter>

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HOMECOMING

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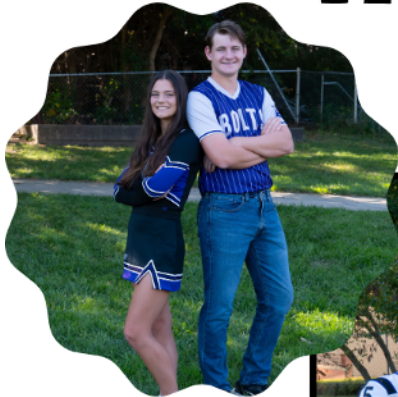
THANK YOU FOR ALL OF THE SUPPORT DURING OUR HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES!
WE APPRECIATE YOU ALL SHOWING UP WITH YOUR BOLTS SPIRIT EACH YEAR!



Baxter HOMECOMING

"HOMECOMING IN RIO"

YOUR 2025 HOMECOMING COURT



COLTON MOFFIT & GRACE ANDEREGG



STADAN VANSICE & KLAIRE SHANKS



CODY TRAVIS & CAYDENCE SULZLE



TATUM STRIBE

CASSIE MOORMAN



ELI DEE & ALYVIA BURDESS



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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