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**FEBRUARY - MARCH
2026**



A MESSAGE
FROM

Mr. Petersen

The spring season is finally here, and, with it, a very busy time of the year for schools. We have a full slate of track meets, soccer games, golf meets, spring break, parent-teacher conferences, and fine arts events. It is also a busy and extremely important time for the Baxter school district as we set our district calendar for the 2026-27 school year, create, finalize, and approve our budget, and, perhaps most importantly, wait to see how legislation that is passed affects our district.

The Iowa legislative session runs from the second week of January to the beginning of May and is a major factor in school district planning. There are already a number of extremely important bills that have been proposed for this legislative session. The number one priority for the legislature and governor this session is property tax relief. I would agree that this is something that nearly all Iowans can agree on as well. The question becomes how is that relief accomplished, and what impact will it have on school funding sources. The Senate, House, and Governor have all submitted their own proposals for property tax relief, and they vary in their impact on schools and municipalities. This will certainly be a very important piece of legislation for schools and communities.

Another important decision made by the legislature during their session is funding for schools or SSA. A reminder that our funding is essentially determined by two things: enrollment and SSA. Over the past 10 years, SSA has come in at an average of 2%. The problem with this is that our expenditures are increasing at a greater rate than 2% annually. For that reason, we advocate annually for a rate that more closely matches our expenditure increases. We have met with our local legislators and are working to advocate for more funding, but it is another reminder that the decisions made during our November elections have a great impact on schools during the legislative session.

Spring is also the time of year when the annual open enrollment process closes. I want to remind all of our families that the open enrollment deadline for students going into grades 1-12 is March 1, 2026 for the 26-27 school year. A student entering Kindergarten must have their paperwork in by September 1, 2026. This is something that only has to be done one time in a student's educational career. So, if you have filed that paperwork, you do not need to do it again. We greatly appreciate that we have so many families that use open enrollment to choose Baxter as their school!

One last positive thing is the feedback we received from our students, parents, and staff on the four-day instructional week survey. Of those polled, nearly 80% were strongly supportive of the four-day week and only 9% were opposed and 92% of our staff stated that the four-day week would positively impact their decision to remain at Baxter. We understand this transition and adjustment has been an entire community effort, and we are grateful for the continued support from our families and community. As always, we want to thank each and every one of you for continuing to make Baxter a great community and school!

Educationally,

Chris Petersen
Superintendent

Welcome to the Bolts Cafe! Baxter CSD Food & Nutrition Services

February/March 2026 - Tasha McPherson, Food Service Director - (641) 227-1134 - tmcpherson@baxter.k12.ia.us



National School Breakfast Week - March 3-6!

Complete the quest for school breakfast each day by choosing a menu favorite, cereal, pop tart, or ask the cashier what's in the breakfast basket! Choose fruit, juice, & milk for a meal to the max!

Did you know?

Menu planning for the following school year begins in the spring! Does your child brag about their likes/dislikes in the cafeteria? Do you have a recipe that your children love that you think could be adapted into school meals? We'd love to hear from you! (E-mail address at the top!)

Did you hear?

Whole milk is legal in schools! Check out the news reel about the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act. ([KCCI news link](#)) Will Baxter begin to offer whole milk? We are looking into more information to answer that question and more regarding the future of our meals. Have you ever wondered where they come up with all these rules for school meals? One place to start is by checking out the newly released Dietary Guidelines for Americans. ([DGA link](#)) USDA creates guidelines for our meal programs based on their recommendations. Check out USDA for even more info! ([USDA link](#))

Meal Accounts

Do you have questions about charges on an account, how to make payments, or free/reduced meals? We're here to help! Please contact me at the information at the top of this page.

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.

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

Breakfast is a good thing!

When students need to take achievement tests, schools strongly urge them to eat breakfast first on testing days. Why? Because we know that when students eat breakfast, they perform better and are better able to concentrate. Yet on "normal" days, many students fail to eat breakfast; they're too busy, too tired, or just don't know what to eat.

Let's help students to perform better every day, by making sure they eat a healthy breakfast at home or at school.

Our institution is an equal opportunity provider.

♥ February/March 🍀 2026

Baxter CSD Menu	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><i>Inclement Weather: Please remember if the school calls for a 2-hour delay, breakfast will not be served!</i></p> <hr/> <p>Breakfast: 7:25-7:45 a.m. preK-12 \$1.90 Adult \$2.20 <i>Alternate entree (cereal, pop tart, etc.), fruit, juice, & milk choice offered daily.</i></p> <hr/> <p>Lunch: K-5 \$3.00 6-12 \$3.10 Adult \$5.20 Milk only \$.70 -Alternate fruit & milk choice offered daily. -Alternate entree (deli sub, chef salad, etc.) and a la carte "smart snack" items may be made available to MS/HS students.</p> <hr/> <p>Questions for the kitchen? Call or email: Tasha McPherson Food Service Director (641) 227-1134 or tmcpherson@baxter.k12.ia.us</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">National School Breakfast Week!</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>the quest for SCHOOL BREAKFAST</p> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">March 3-6!</p> <hr/> <p>Menu is subject to change. <i>This institution is an equal opportunity provider.</i></p> <hr/> <p>The next menu covers March 24-May 1. Enjoy Spring Break!</p>	February 3	February 4	February 5	February 6
	PB&J Uncrustable Chips, VBlend Juice Baby Carrots Mixed Fruit <i>B: Yogurt & Muffin</i>	Mini Corn Dogs French Fries Broccoli/Cauliflower Peaches <i>B: Pancakes</i>	Pulled Pork, Bun Seasoned Potato Wedges Baked Beans Fresh Fruit <i>B: Breakfast Sandwich</i>	Retro Square Pizza <i>Pepperoni or Cheese</i> Romaine Salad Fresh Veggies Fruit Slushie <i>B: Donut</i>
	February 10	February 11	February 12	February 13
	Chicken or Cheese Quesadilla Corn, Refried Beans Pears <i>B: Breakfast Pizza</i>	Pork Tenderloin, Bun French Fries Baby Carrots Fresh Fruit <i>B: Cinnamon Roll</i>	Orange Chicken, Rice Broccoli Pepper Strips Mandarin Oranges Heart Shaped Cookie <i>B: Breakfast Sandwich</i>	Bosco Sticks Marinara Cup Romaine Salad Fresh Veggies Be Mine Fruit Slushie <i>B: Donut</i>
	February 17	February 18	February 19	February 20
	Crispito Day! Romaine Salad Cucumbers Applesauce <i>B: Cook's Choice</i>	Breaded Chicken, Bun French Fries Roasted Chickpeas Berry Cup <i>B: Mini Donuts</i>	Twisty Spaghetti Garlic Knot Green Beans Baby Carrots Fresh Fruit <i>B: Breakfast Sandwich</i>	Deep Dish Pizza <i>Pepperoni or Cheese</i> Romaine Salad Fresh Veggies Fruit Slushie <i>B: Donut</i>
	February 24	February 25	February 26	February 27
	Soft Taco <i>w/toppings</i> Spanish Rice Refried Beans Peaches <i>B: Breakfast Pizza</i>	Popcorn Chicken French Fries Baby Carrots Fresh Fruit <i>B: Cinnamon Roll</i>	Chicken & Noodles Mashed Potatoes Fresh Veggie Craisins, WG Roll <i>B: Breakfast Sandwich</i>	French Bread Pizza <i>Pepperoni or Garlic Cheese</i> Romaine Salad Fresh Veggies Fruit Slushie <i>B: Donut</i>
	March 3	March 4	March 5	March 6
	Cheese Omelet Pancakes, Hash Brown VBlend Juice Pears <i>B: Biscuit & Gravy</i>	BBQ Rib, Bun French Fries Baked Beans Pineapple <i>B: Grab & Go Parfait</i>	Chicken Bacon Ranch Pasta, Breadstick Broccoli, Baby Carrots Banana <i>B: Breakfast Sandwich</i>	Cook's Choice Pizza Romaine Salad Fresh Veggies Fruit Slushie <i>B: Donut</i>
	March 10	March 11	March 12	March 13
	Walking Taco <i>w/toppings</i> Refried Beans Pepper Strips Applesauce <i>B: Breakfast Pizza</i>	Cheeseburger, Bun French Fries Baby Carrots Fresh Fruit <i>B: Cinnamon Roll</i>	Chicken Tenders, Roll Mash Potato & Gravy Broccoli/Cauliflower Assorted Fruit <i>B: Breakfast Sandwich</i>	Pizza Crunchers Romaine Salad Fresh Veggies Fruit Slushie <i>B: Donut</i>



Baxter Public Library



WEBPAGE:

baxter.lib.ia.us

FACEBOOK:

Baxter Public Library



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

(Ages 7+)

Wednesdays from 3:45–4:30 p.m.

Join one of our mini clubs that meet Wednesdays after school! Due to limited space, registration is now required. Please visit the library website or facebook page for more information.

GUITAR LAB

Kids ages 8-12

Mondays at 11am

Explore the basics of guitar and ukulele in this fun, beginner-friendly music program. No experience needed – just bring your enthusiasm and get ready to play!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY?

The library is more than books – it's a place to connect, create, and explore. Whether you're joining us for a program, discovering a new story, or just stopping in to say hello, there's something here for you.

PHONE:

641-227-3934

EMAIL:

library.baxter@gmail.com



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.

Upcoming meetings: January 5th and February 9th

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: January 13th and February 10th

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.

Upcoming Events: January 17th and February 21st

LEGO & CHESS CLUB

(Grades K-8)

Last Monday of the month at 2:00 p.m.

(Pre-registration required)

Build, strategize, and play!

Upcoming Meetings: January 26th and February 23rd

SPECIAL EVENTS

PIZZA & PUZZLE LIBRARY FUNDRAISER

Thursday February 26th 6-8pm

\$25 for each team of 3-5 participants.

All proceeds will benefit children's programming and help fund improvements to the library.

Come have fun with family and friends while supporting a great cause!

Registration is required, please register your team by Feb. 22nd. See Library for more details!

LUCKY CHARM TEA TIME

Tuesday March 17th at 1pm

Join us for a charming and festive tea party filled with sweet treats, crafts, and a touch of Irish cheer! Children can sip, snack, and celebrate with themed activities, stories, and a little bit of lucky fun.

Wear your best green and dress up for extra flair!

SPRING BREAK NERF BATTLE BASH

Thursday March 19th at 10am

Get ready for foam-flinging fun at the library! Kids can team up for exciting Nerf games, challenges, and friendly competition in this high-energy spring break event. It's all about teamwork, strategy, and having a blast in a safe, supervised environment

SPRING BREAK HOURS

Saturday March 14th 9:00-12:00 | Monday March 16th 9:00-3:00

Tuesday March 17th 12:00-3:00 | Thursday March 18th - 9:00-12:00 | Saturday March 21st - Closed

FEBRUARY

2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Guitar Lab 11am Cribbage Club 4pm Book Club 6pm	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Guitar Lab 11am Cribbage Club 4pm	10 Story-time 10am Chapter Chatter & Page Turners 3:45pm	11 After School Club 3:45pm	12	13	14
15	16 Guitar Lab 11am Cribbage Club 4pm	17 Story-time 10am	18 After School Club 3:45pm	19	20	21 Story-time Saturdays: Tales for All Ages 10am
22	23 Guitar Lab 11am Cribbage Club 4pm	24 Story-time 10am	25 After School Club 3:45pm	26 Pizza & Puzzle Fundraiser 6-8	27	28

Please visit facebook or stop in to the library to register your team for our pizza and puzzle fundraiser!

MARCH

2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Guitar Lab 11am Cribbage Club 4pm Book Club 6pm	3	4 After School Fun 3:45pm	5	6	7
8	9 Guitar Lab 11am Cribbage Club 4pm	10 Story-time 10am Chapter Chatter 3:15p	11 After School Fun 3:45pm	12	13	14
15	16 Guitar Lab 11am	17 Lucky Charm Tea Time 1pm	18 Closed	19 Spring Break Nerf Battle Bash 10am	20	21 Closed
22	23 Guitar Lab 11am	24	25 After School Fun 3:45pm	26	27	28
29	30 Guitar Lab 11am Lego Club 2pm	31 Story-time 10am				

Spring Break Hours
 Sat Mar 14th 9:00-12:00
 Mon Mar 16th 9:00-3:00
 Tues Mar 17th 12:00-3:00
 Thurs Mar 19th 9:00-12:00
 Sat Mar 21st Closed

A MESSAGE
FROM

Mr. Harold

Where is the school year going? We are quickly approaching the 100th day of school milestone and it feels like the year moves at a pace similar to a large train that is moving downhill at a crazy pace once we get to that point. Spring is on the horizon and the second semester is moving along. While we have much to be proud of thus far, it's always important to reflect and make adjustments based on our past experiences and anticipation for what lies ahead. We honored our 1st semester academic honors recently, and we have much to be proud of! Well done to all of the students that earned the awards that they did!

Here are a few landmarks that are quickly headed our way:

- The second round of family/teacher conferences are scheduled for Monday, March 9. Similar to the first round, there will be a sign-up genius sent out in the next few weeks and families can ensure a time to talk with any and all teachers that they would like to
- Spring break will be the week of March 16-20
- Those family/teacher conferences are again scheduled for 11:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- The Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) test is set for the week of April 14 - 17.

One more big announcement I wanted to make more public is the hiring of an in-person Spanish instructor, Mr. Nathan Liston. Mr. Liston joins us from Indianola and has been teaching for over 12 years now. We couldn't be more excited to offer this to our students.

We appreciate the opportunity to work with your child(ren) each and every day. As always, we encourage you all to reach out with any questions you have. Educational conversations about your students are important. Please feel free to reach out to any teacher that you might still want to have conversations with!

Think Spring!

Clay Harrold

Secondary Principal

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

MR. TRAVIS DEE

SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNSELOR

641-227-1409

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2025-2026

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.

2026 FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

The freshman orientation will be held on Wednesday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the West Commons for current eighth-grade students and their parents. This orientation will allow students and parents to ask questions about issues related to the high school experience and review students' four-year plans.

2026 MIDDLE SCHOOL ORIENTATION

The middle school orientation will be held on Wednesday, April 15 at 5:30 p.m. in the West Commons for current fifth-grade students and their parents. We will discuss the middle school concept, extracurricular activities, and answer questions about middle school.

SENIOR EXIT INTERVIEWS-REFLECTING ON GROWTH AND LOOKING AHEAD

As part of Baxter CSD's graduation requirements, all seniors participate in a Senior Exit Interview designed to highlight their academic journey, personal growth, and future goals. Students create an electronic presentation that includes artifacts such as projects, awards, photos, or certificates.

Students also respond to a series of reflective questions about their high school experience, contributions to Baxter CSD, and plans after graduation.

During the spring of their senior year, students present to a panel of staff members. These interviews give seniors the opportunity to showcase achievements, practice professional presentation skills, and reflect on how Baxter CSD has prepared them for life beyond high school. The process encourages self-reflection while helping students connect their learning to college and career readiness.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Please check the Counselor's Corner webpage for scholarship opportunities. Also, remember to visit <https://www.icansucceed.org/financial-aid/scholarships-and-grants/ican-scholarship-database> for more scholarship information.

COLLEGE NEWS

College representatives are setting up times to visit our school this spring. We encourage interested sophomores, juniors, and seniors who would like to visit with these representatives to pay attention to their school email for updates.

ACT TEST DATES 2027

TEST DATE	REGULAR REGISTRATION DEADLINE (LATE FEES AFTER THIS DATE)	LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE	PHOTO UPLOAD AND STANDBY DEADLINE
April 10, 2027	March 5	March 23	April 5
June 12, 2027	May 7	May 25	June 7
July 10, 2027	June 4	June 22	July 5

**A MESSAGE
FROM**

Mr. Hasselbrink

Time is flying by at Baxter Elementary. So many great things are happening in our school, and our staff continues to strive for excellence. Our instructional work continues to be an area of emphasis. During data conversations, we actively reflect on our research-based curriculum at all grade levels. This collaborative approach helps teachers to purposefully plan and adjust lessons, provide targeted support, and challenge students appropriately. This continuous cycle of curriculum, instruction, assessment, and reflection helps ensure that students are learning at high levels and continue to grow each year.

One major focus has been particularly on assessments and data reflection. Across the elementary school, our teachers are actively working to collect and reflect on student learning data to guide instruction and support growth. This includes classroom assessments, observations, screeners, benchmarks, and ongoing progress monitoring. Teachers use this information to celebrate successes, identify areas for continued growth, and plan next steps to best meet students' needs. Our team believes in the power of data reflection to help build collective efficacy and vertical alignment of standard attainment. Reflection has become a key part of our process, and it helps ensure that instruction remains responsive and meaningful for all learners.

On a separate note, we hope you all have had the opportunity to stop by school on the weekends to see our elementary students compete in sporting events. Baxter Recreation has done a great job of coordinating events for our young student-athletes to compete. These events are great opportunities and experiences for students and families to stay active, build community, enjoy time together, and cheer on the future. It's great that our students see the school as not only a place to come learn, but a place they can enjoy and have fun.

Our spring parent-teacher conferences will be held on March 2. These conferences provide an important opportunity to connect with teachers, discuss progress, and set goals for the remainder of the school year. Teachers work diligently to prepare for these, as they provide great insight into the individual learning of students. As always, we hope that we have 100% participation with our families at this event. Additional information about scheduling and logistics will be sent soon.

Also coming up is our Spring Break, which will take place from March 16–20. We hope this time provides your family with a chance to rest, recharge, and enjoy time together. Whether on a vacation or at home, these are great days that students and staff alike look forward to.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. We are grateful to work alongside a supportive school community and look forward to a strong finish to the school year. Go Bolts!

STUDENT



News

5TH GRADE

H A P P E N I N G S

The 5th and 6th grade classes had an amazing experience when they headed to JA Biz Town in Des Moines. Students got to experience a day in the life as a working adult. Some of the places we worked were the Healthcare Clinic, Farm store, at a publishing company, City Administration, delivery support and a retail shop to name a few.. Our classes learned that working at these places is difficult, but gave us a very good experience! Overall, JA Biztown helped us learn a lot about working, finances, and keeping track of our money.

Written by: Harper Boike



2025-2026 1ST SEMESTER HONOR ROLL

A & B HONOR ROLL

6TH GRADE

Roslin Birkenholtz
Addison Brannen
Nolan Halter
Nova Hudson
Chesney Kaplan
Jon Karns
Brayden Longoria
Noah Maxwell
Nolan Moffit
Emma Parrie
Gavin Pittman
Haidenn Poage
Bentley Popenhagen
Jase Snyder
Lydia Tichy
Jeremiah Warden

7TH GRADE

Hayden Akins
Mason Backus
Wesley Beavers
Lilly Carpenter
Ashlynn Chugg
Ariah Eveland
Karly Foudree
Tinsley Guckert
Sloan Hasselbrink
Calvin Hauser
Mason Meeker
Aria Mergen
Jaxon Reed
Lillie Robinson
Ryan Rominger
Sephirra Rupe
Hayden Seeley
Bella Wilhelm
Ava Yeltman

8TH GRADE

Sydney Beavers
Lane Cannon
Allison Engle
Owen Halter
Lincoln Handorf
Diego Herrera
Marquez
Mazie Humston
Christian Jones
Jadelynn Kincel
Claire Kucera
Caroline Ludwig
Ella Moffit
Brennan Oglesby
Reilly Oglesby
Crew Redman
Liv Schnathorst
Gage Snyder
Tristan Thornton
Eliza Tiffey
Jenner Travis
Ruth Warden
Ada Warkentin
Avery Whaley
Elizabeth Whitacre
Daniel Wilson
Kyden Wing

GOLD HONOR ROLL (4.0GPA)

9TH GRADE

Mackenzie Cross
Holden Dee
Elsie Hauser
Blake Maxwell
Brylea Nicholson
Olivia Parrie
Alec Robinson
Lincoln Russell
Nicholas Shedd
Sammuel Wilhelm
Kattarina Wing

12TH GRADE

Grace Anderegg
Callie Cross
Eli Dee
Austin England
Bree Hopkins
Colton Moffit
Camryn Russell
Natalie Shedd
Ariana Staempfli
Caydence Sulzle
Callie Van Beek

10TH GRADE

Hayden Burdess
Colten Damman
Kaitlyn Engle
Sydney Hibbs
Myah Johnston
Kamdyn Krampe
Kaylyn Krampe
Breadon Oliphant
Piper Redman
Robert Richardson

11TH GRADE

Morgan DeGrave
Luci Kucera
Camden Moffit
Denver Sulzle
Gwen Tichy
Avery Wonders

2025-2026 1ST SEMESTER HONOR ROLL

SILVER HONOR ROLL (3.5-3.99GPA)

9TH GRADE

Emileigh Beals
Nyle Brown
Gianna Dart
Savannah Frasher
Zander Johnson
Brecken Maxwell
Eli Schnieders
Cooper Smith
Grace Warden
Willow White
Kenzie Wignall

10TH GRADE

Taylor Cross
Samuel Diaz
Lillian Grunsted
Malayla Hurd
Dakota O'Harra
Owen Parrie
Derek Rominger
Grayson Scroggins
Joshua Warden
Ivy Whitacre
Emily Winfield

11TH GRADE

Mallory Bottorff
Maxxon Handorf
Journey Kampman
Lauren McKibbin
Coy Mergen
Briah Mortenson

12TH GRADE

Katie Bell
Alivia Boike
Kash Brummel
Harleigh Cross
Willow Grimes
Klaire Shanks
Cody Spurgeon
Rilyn Titus
Cody Travis
Stadan Vansice
Cael Wishman

BRONZE HONOR ROLL (3.0-3.499GPA)

12TH GRADE

Braxton Bowen
Noah Dille
Robie Macabuhay
Kinnick Poage
Celsey Pudans

10TH GRADE

Hank Bethards
Mackenzie Eldred
Ayden Hansen
Blair Jutting
Brienna Oliphant
Benjamin Ratliff
Melodie Smith
Masyn Titus
Liam Trent
Maddux Tuhn

11TH GRADE

Dakota Parker
Peyton Steingrabe
Rossi Swihart
Kaitlyn Ware

12TH GRADE

Danika Flora
Maddox Peters
Jayme Riley
Jacob Warden

D.A.R.E.[®]

D.A.R.E. GRADUATION!

The 5th grade class has officially wrapped up our D.A.R.E. curriculum. The students have learned about taking steps to help make safe and responsible decisions, safely reporting bullying or other unsafe behaviors, drug and health effects of tobacco and alcohol, and how to use confident communication skills. Graduation will take place on Feb. 20th in the West Gym at 2:30pm, we will welcome family and other guests to celebrate the student's accomplishments in a small ceremony followed by cupcakes and ice cream! I want to thank the 5th grade teachers, Mr. Eide and Mrs. Bucklin for all the work that they put in with the students and express the joy that it has been to get to work with them and their students.



Mr. Eide's 5th Grade Class



Deputy Josh Britton

THE BAXTER ELEMENTARY
YEARBOOK

SNEAK PEEK!

\$20

HOW TO PURCHASE-
SIMPLY SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO
PLACE YOUR ORDER FOR OUR 2026
YEARBOOK. YEARBOOKS WILL BE DELIVERED
TO STUDENTS IN MAY.

Shine

Baxter PTO Presents

UNDER THE BIG TOP MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE

Saturday, April 11th
Baxter West Commons
7:00pm-9:00pm

\$5 at door

BAXTER PTO PRESENTS

UNDER THE BIG TOP

FAMILY FUN DANCE

SATURDAY, APRIL 11 **03:00PM TILL 05:00PM**

\$20/FAMILY

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

MUSIC - DANCING - FACE PAINTING - COTTON CANDY-POPCORN- CARNIVAL GAMES

BAXTER CSD - WEST COMMONS

FOR MORE INFORMATION **CALL +1-515-208-1509**

Fine Arts Night

April 9th, 2026, 5-7 pm, BCSD

K-12 Fine Arts & Bazaar

Anyone interested in hosting a creative activity, fundraiser, or bazaar table, please email Mrs. Carter - ecarter@baxter.k12.ia.us
Fresh ideas welcome!



Sketch by K. Bell

ACTIVITIES



News

LET'S CELEBRATE THE BOLTS!

ACADEMIC DECATHLON

Congrats to our Academic Decathlon team, who placed 3rd overall in the small school division at regionals in Des Moines in January! Several individuals brought home many honors-

- Austin England: 2nd place overall in his division, 1st in econ, math, science, 3rd interview
- Colton Moffit: 3rd place overall in his division, 1st in social studies, 2nd math, 3rd econ
- Avery Wonders: 1st interview
- Willow Grimes: 2nd overall in her division, 1st social studies and interview, 2nd art, econ, music
- Jake Warden: 1st overall in his division, 1st econ, literature, music, science, 3rd math, interview, speech
- Callie Van Beek: 1st econ, 3rd music, science

SPEECH

Congratulations to the Baxter Speech team on their accomplishments!

- Readers Theatre received a Division I rating at Districts and a Division I rating at State [Willow Grimes, Bree Hopkins, Max Handorf, Camden Moffit, Avery Wonders, Kaitlyn Engle, Piper Redman, Robbie Richardson, and Emily Winfield]
- Radio Broadcasting received a Division I rating at Districts, a Division I rating at State, and is invited to All-State at Iowa State University on February 21 to be awarded for their outstanding performance [Grace Anderegg, Callie Cross, Alivia Boike, Camden Moffit, Avery Wonders, and Denver Sulzle]

WRESTLING

Baxter Wrestling has FOUR wrestlers who are headed to the State Wrestling Tournament beginning of February 19th.

Congratulations to Ruger Kincaid, Maddux Peters, Kinnick Poage, and Lincoln Russell for punching their tickets to state!

This season, Ruger Kincaid reached his 100 wins in his high school career! Way to go, Ruger!

BASKETBALL

Baxter hosted the First Round Girls Regional Basketball Game on February 13th with Baxter hosting the Colo-Nesco Royals.

Baxter also hosted the first and second round of 1A Boys Basketball Districts on February 16th and February 19th.

Congratulations to both the Boys & Girls Bolts Basketball teams on their seasons!

Eli Dee reached 1,000 points in his high school career, congratulations Eli!

The Booster Bash is on April 17th! This is a great opportunity to support both the Baxter Athletic Boosters and the Baxter Bolts!

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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