

# A Guide to Giving & Getting Involved

## Thank You BAKER Parents!

Since its founding in 1918, Baker families have played an incredibly important role in the life of the School. Baker encourages parents to be an active part of daily school life and provide financial support beyond tuition.

## GETTING INVOLVED

### Baker Parent Organization (BPO)

The BPO is a group of parents who volunteer their time to coordinate events and activities that bring parents and families together for community building, learning, and supporting goals of the school. At Baker, there are no membership fees to participate, so all parents are part of the BPO.

The BPO is organized into three main areas:

#### Community Connections

Organizes social events for our parents and families to connect outside of school

#### Service

Works to enrich the community by providing service opportunities aligned with the goals of each school year

#### Communication

Provides communication to parents about BPO-organized events and socials through room parents and the school bulletin. Organizes school outreach events in surrounding communities

Email [bpo@bakerdemschool.org](mailto:bpo@bakerdemschool.org) with questions or to get involved. See volunteer opportunities for the year and sign up at [bakerdemschool.org/bpovol](http://bakerdemschool.org/bpovol).

### 2019–2020 Steering Committee

CHAIR: Laura Cinat

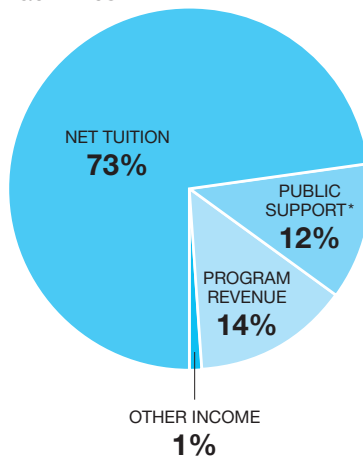
COMMUNICATION CHAIR: Melani Bishop & Stacie Erck

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CHAIRS: Emily Leach & Hibo Mohamed

SERVICE LEARNING CHAIRS: Rebecca Lewandowski & Corinne Rocca

## GIVING

As an independent school, our sole sources of revenue are tuition, charitable gifts (public support) and income from programs like summer camp and after school activities.



\*Public Support includes parents, alumni, alumni parents, grandparents, faculty and staff, and other supportive members of the community!

We have two main giving opportunities during the year – The Baker Fund, which is our annual fundraising campaign each fall, and The Baker Benefit. They both contribute to unrestricted giving which supports our operating budget and enables the school to fund high-priority initiatives.

### The Baker Fund Campaign

Your gift to The Baker Fund makes a difference throughout our entire school and directly supports every student, every faculty member, and every academic program. Gifts of any size are appreciated! Our goal is 100% participation.

### The Baker Benefit

SAVE THE DATE OF MARCH 7, 2020

Our annual benefit is an opportunity for our community to gather together to celebrate what is happening in the life of our school while also helping meet our annual fundraising goals. This is a really fun way for our entire community to participate!

### Giving Circles

FOUNDERS' SOCIETY

\$25,000+

1918 CIRCLE

\$10,000 – \$24,999

HEAD'S ASSOCIATION

\$5,000 – \$9,999

CURIOSITY CIRCLE

\$2,500 – \$4,999

CREATIVITY CIRCLE

\$1,000 – \$2,499

COLLABORATION CIRCLE

\$500 – \$999

BAKER FRIENDS' CIRCLE

\$1 – \$499

Questions? Email Director of Advancement & Parent Engagement, Rachel Yantis at [ryantis@bakerdemschool.org](mailto:ryantis@bakerdemschool.org).

# Social Events for 2019–2020

## AUGUST

**29:** Back to School Coffee (8:30 am)

## SEPTEMBER

**6:** Bonfire at Lighthouse Beach (5-7 pm)

**18:** Coffee Social in BPO Lounge (8:30 am)

## OCTOBER

**1:** Baker Fund Campaign Launches

**10:** Social at Temperance\* (7-9 pm)

**23:** Coffee Social in BPO Lounge (8:30 am)

## NOVEMBER

**3:** Book Fair Preview Night\* (5:30-7:30 pm)

**4-6:** Book Fair\* (8 am-6 pm)

**14:** Social at Replay (6-8 pm)

**20:** Coffee Social in BPO Lounge (8:30 am)

## DECEMBER

**8:** Family Lunch (11:30 am-1 pm) or Parent Social (6-8 pm)  
at Firehouse Grill in Evanston\*

**18:** Coffee Social in BPO Lounge (8:30 am)

## JANUARY

**15:** Coffee Social in BPO Lounge (8:30 am)

**17:** Family Dinner at Blaze Pizza\* (5-7 pm)

## FEBRUARY

**12:** Coffee Social in BPO Lounge (8:30 am)

**17:** Family Lunch (11:30 am-1 pm) or Family Dinner (5-7 pm)  
at Epic Burger\*

## MARCH

**7:** Annual Benefit

**11:** Coffee Social in BPO Lounge (8:30 am)

**18-19:** Jookie Photo Fundraiser (tentative dates)

## APRIL

**2:** Happy Hour at Union (6-8 pm)

**22:** Coffee Social in BPO Lounge (8:30 am)

## MAY

**20:** Coffee Social in BPO Lounge (8:30 am)

**29:** Year End Picnic  
(5-7 pm; games & activities/free childcare from 3:20-5 pm)

*\*Thank you to local business owners who provide unique opportunities for our families to connect and also benefit Baker. The Book Fair benefits our library; Jookie photos and restaurant fundraisers provide additional income above fundraising goals.*



## Wine & Cheese with Carly

Please join Carly for a wine & cheese social to mingle with other parents in your child's grade!

### OCTOBER 3

- 4th Grade Parents, 5-6 pm
- 5th Grade Parents, 6:15-7:15 pm

### NOVEMBER 20

- K Parents, 5-6 pm
- 8th Grade Parents, 6:15-7:15 pm

### JANUARY 9

- 1st Grade Parents, 5-6 pm
- 7th Grade Parents, 6:15-7:15 pm

### FEBRUARY 6

- 2nd Grade Parents, 5-6 pm
- 6th Grade Parents, 6:15-7:15 pm

### APRIL 23

- Pre-K Parents, 5-6 pm
- 3rd Grade Parents, 6:15-7:15 pm

You can find the school calendar at [bakerdemschool.org/calendar](http://bakerdemschool.org/calendar) with official school dates.

Specific class functions will be communicated directly from your child's teacher or room parents.