

May 2019

Dear Eighth Grade Parents:

Your son/daughter has been encouraged to collect and import important classroom work, certificates, pictures, awards, and projects from his/her time spent at Baker onto his/her Baker Online Portfolio (B.O.P.) Weebly website. This website allows students to easily upload artifacts to present digitally on their iPads.

The eighth graders are taking one final step with their BOP, the final interview. Interested adults from the Troy business community have graciously volunteered to conduct a 15 minute interview with Baker students on **Thursday, May 23**. The students will be asked to present and explain items chosen from their BOP, which are organized by each their subject areas on the “Academic” pages of their website. They also have a “Me” Page that showcases interesting experiences from their outside-of-school family, friends, sports, activities, trips, etc. Finally, they have a BLOG page which contains reflections from inside or outside of school. Students will be asked to share items from these sections with their interviewer.

To prepare, students are asked to review their BOP and make sure that it will be a positive and accurate representation of their experiences and learning at Baker. They will also prepare a résumé to introduce themselves to their interviewer in their Language Arts classes. The résumé will reflect students’ middle school achievements and look ahead to future plans and career paths.

Students will receive a letter/pass indicating their interview time the week before the interview. We ask that all students “dress for success” in professional attire on their interview day – May 23.

We would like to ask you to take four steps to assist your child in this activity:

- ⇒ Ask your child about his/her Baker Online Portfolio/ Weebly – what items they have chosen and why they were selected.
- ⇒ Share a positive interview experience you have had in the past.
- ⇒ Rehearse with your child the day before his/her interview.
- ⇒ Encourage your child to dress professionally on interview day.

We appreciate your efforts in making the 8th Grade Interviews a meaningful part of your child’s present and future. If you have any questions or Weebly technical difficulties, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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