

The Baldwin School Expense Guide

“We believe that academic excellence begins with the ability to think logically, independently and imaginatively. This delight in ideas, a sense of curiosity and humor, and a commitment to honoring the variety and dignity of others is among Baldwin’s highest values.” excerpt from the Baldwin School Philosophy

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Purpose and Use of Guide

The purpose and use of this guide is to provide parents with a reference for approximate time frames and costs for a variety of events and school related expenses that occur during the school year. We hope that this guide will be an informational tool to assist in long range planning and to anticipate upcoming events and activities that may involve parental participation, volunteerism and/or financial contribution.

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The Baldwin School Diversity Vision

The Diversity Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Baldwin School supports and promotes the school's efforts to attract, encourage and maintain a diverse community of trustees, faculty, students, administrators, staff, and parents. We support a diverse environment that actively fosters respect, inclusion, and opportunity for all. This diversity includes but is not limited to race, gender, ethnicity, religion, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, background, and culture. We define diversity as the process of valuing all of these individual differences through action. Diversity at Baldwin is real, not symbolic, and enriches every member of the school community as a whole.

Parents' Association Events

Listed are samplings of events that may be sponsored by the Parents' Association during a school year. Participation in any Parents' Association event is optional. For exact events and exact dates for the upcoming year please consult the school calendar. The Parents' Association welcomes all levels of volunteer involvement and gladly entertains any event suggestions from parents.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Cost</u>
September	New Parents' Party	Friend-raiser	Free
	Fundamentally Family/ Homecoming	Friend-raiser	Nominal
	Opening Parents' Association Meeting	Informational	Free
October	Pumpkin Sale	Fundraiser	Optional
November/December	Book Fair	Fundraiser	Optional
	Mother/Daughter Bingo	Friend-raiser	Nominal
January	Father/Daughter Dance	Friend-raiser	Nominal
February	Caring Parents' Forums	Informational	Free
March	Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day	Friend-raiser	Food Donations
April	Spring Serenade	Major Fund- raiser	\$190+ a couple
May	Sports Day Outing	Fundraiser	\$250 single golfer \$ 75 tennis
Throughout the year	Parent Outings	Friend-raiser	Nominal – Moderate +

Nominal = \$10 - \$ 30

Moderate = \$45 - \$100

All School Expenses

Class Dues

Each grade has class dues that are billed to the incidentals. These dues average around \$25-\$35 and are used for a variety of grade related needs such as paying for the class picture page in the Spring Serenade Program Book, year end gifts to the school, moving up ceremonies and building the class treasury for Commencement expenses.

Lunches

An extensive assortment of hot and cold lunches may be purchased in the school lunchroom and charged to your daughter's incidental account. Lunches can average \$4-\$6 for a complete meal.

Private Music Lessons

Private music instruction for all students is available through the Music Department. For 14 lessons per half-year, the cost is \$425 for Lower School Students (30 min lessons) and \$525 for Middle and Upper School students (45 min lessons). Suzuki lessons are also available for \$650 per half-year.

Uniform and Bookstore Expenses

All parts of the uniform, except shoes, are available in our Bookstore. The following must be purchased at school:

Jumpers (Pre-K)	\$40
Tunics (Lower)	\$40
Kilts (Middle & Upper)	\$45
Shorts (all)	\$15-\$18

In addition, you may buy a variety of Baldwin items from pencil cases to mugs to jackets as well as most school supplies needed.

Lower School Events and Expenses

A variety of activities happen regularly in the Lower School. Many of the events are not necessarily cost related but more time related, requesting parental attendance.

Individual student pictures and class pictures of your daughter's grade take place in the fall of the school year. Individual pictures are taken in September and are offered at a variety of package prices that range from approximately \$11.00 to \$27.00 depending on the package you choose. Class photos are taken later in the fall and may be purchased for \$8.00. In third grade the girls learn how to play the recorder. The recorders cost about \$6 each.

A variety of field trips are scheduled during the course of the year. Most of these trips are budgeted through Lower School operating expenses.

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten are parent cooperative years. Parents are welcome to sign up for numerous activities that include alphabet cooking with class, assisting at swimming, and helping arrange in-school events that culminate study units, the most notable one being the Japanese Tea Luncheon held in March.

The grades vary according to the types of events or holiday-related celebrations that require parental assistance. First Grade does a Thanksgiving Feast in November and an African Feast in the spring. Second Grade participates in weekly math teams and ancestor doll presentations. Third Grade's Colonial Day in May culminates a study of Colonial America. Fourth Grade hosts a multicultural celebration of foods from many lands prior to Winter Break. In Fifth Grade the students themselves manage the planning and implementation of their parties and events. Parents, however, participate in planning the reception following the moving-up ceremony.

Grade level breakfasts for students and parents are followed by activities in the classrooms until mid morning. The girls continue with a regular school day afterwards. One or both parents of a student are invited to attend. These are held on alternate years with Mothers'/Special Persons' Days and Fathers'/Special Persons' Days.

An assembly and a half day in the classrooms is the program for students in grades I – V and their guests for Fathers'/Special Persons' Day. The girls may be dismissed at noon with their parent/special person or remain at school under supervision until regular dismissal time. Grades PK and K have a shorter morning program with a special breakfast in the Residence Assembly Room. Mothers' and Fathers' Day are held on alternate years with Parent/Student Breakfasts.

Grandparents'/Special Persons' Day is a program starting at 10:00 a.m. and ending at noon for girls and their grandparents/special persons. This is scheduled the same year as parent/student breakfasts. Girls may leave at noon with their grandparents or remain at school under supervision until regular dismissal.

Spring Concerts are held in the evening in May in the Muriel Page Room. There are two concerts – one for Grades I – III and one for Grades IV and V. The school calendar will provide the dates for these events. Each grade performs a class play or presentation that is held at a designated Friday assembly. The Fifth Grade play is held Thursday evening in the spring as well as for a Friday assembly.

In Third Grade the Physical Education Department assigns each girl to one of two school teams: blue or grey. This team assignment will remain with her through out her Baldwin experience. Grades 3 through 8, there are grade level competitions during the school year. The results of these competitions are announced at the end of the school year. In May or early June, Field Day is held on two days – one for PreK through Grade II and another for Grades III-V. These also encourage parental attendance. The Blue/Grey Swim Meets for Grades III-V follow the week after their Field Day.

Middle School Events and Expenses

The following pages contain a listing of a variety of possible events that occur in the Middle School over the course of the school year. These events are presented in a quick calendar overview and followed by an explanation of events by grade. For exact events and exact dates for the upcoming year please consult the school calendar and the calendar in the North Door News. If certain events present a financial difficulty for your family please inform the Middle School Director. Your situation will remain confidential.

In addition to events planned by the Middle School there are numerous student-generated fund-raisers such as bake sales, and T-shirt sales. These efforts are largely to defray the cost of student-driven activities such as club events and Middle School publications. Participation is voluntary and costs can range.

Middle School Events and Expenses

Month	Event	Purpose	Cost
Throughout the year	Theater trips	Educational	Nominal
September:	School Pictures		Nominal
	Fundamentally Family	Friend-raiser	Nominal
October:	VI Day Trips	Educational	\$ 50
	VII Camping Trip	Educational	\$120
	VIII Williamsburg Trip	Educational	\$140
	Middle School Dance	Social	Optional \$5
November/December:	Health Screenings		Free
	Book Fair	Fundraiser	Optional
January:	Father/Daughter Dance	Friend-raiser	Nominal
	Father/Daughter Ski Trip	Friend-raiser	Moderate +
February:	Caring Parents' Forums	Informational	Free
	Faculty Appreciation Day	Friend-raiser	Food Donations
	VI Les Provinces	Educational	Costumes/Food Donations
April:	Science Night	Educational	Free
May:	Trip Day	Educational	\$20 - \$60
June:	Moving-up Ceremony	Required Attendance	VI and VII wear Blue Kilt. VIII wear casual dress with sleeves
	Commencement	Required Attendance	casual white dress, or white skirt & white shirt with sleeves; white shoes

Nominal = \$10 - \$ 30

Moderate = \$45 - \$100

Other Middle School Expenses

Athletic Team Expenses

In addition to the normal equipment expenses, there is an extra fee assessed for Squash (\$350).

Other sports related expenses include donations of food and beverages for the team at games on a rotating schedule and a donation to pay for a team picture to be included in the Spring Serenade program book (\$10-\$15). Traditionally, teams also purchase special clothes or equipment for each member which range from duffle bags to sweatshirts or sweatpants. These items usually fall in the \$30 range and are optional.

Many teams also assign each member a “Secret Psych”, another member of the team who she surprises with pre-game snacks, posters cheering her on or other signs of support and encouragement. The identity of each person’s Secret Psych remains a secret until the end of the season.

Commencement

Attending Commencement is required for all Middle and Upper School Students. Seniors wear white dresses with a length voted upon by the class. All other students must wear white as well, either casual dresses with sleeves or white blouses and white skirts with white shoes.

Secret Friends

Prior to the start of Winter Break, each student chooses a student from her grade through a drawing. The student plays “Secret Friend” to the student who was drawn and, over the course of a week, gives her Secret Friend a small gift or series of gifts not to exceed \$10. Secret notes are hidden around the school giving hints to the identity of the Secret Friend and the location of the hidden gift. This is a friend-raising activity that the students look forward to each year.

Textbooks

These prices represent an approximate range of prices for new textbooks that may be anticipated each year. Variations in price may occur for several reasons such as change in textbooks used by certain classes, addition of supplementary reading materials and choices of various elective or AP classes. The purpose of this listing is therefore purely to plan a range of costs that may be anticipated to allow planning for the expenditure of textbooks.

6th - \$250

7th - \$350

8th - \$300

Upper School Events and Expenses

The following pages contain a listing of a variety of possible events that occur in the Upper School over the course of the school year. For exact events and exact dates for the upcoming year please consult the school calendar and the calendar in the North Door News. If certain events present a financial difficulty for your family, please inform the Upper School Director. Your situation will remain confidential.

The first part of this section will provide events and expenses by grade in a calendar format. The second part of this section provides an overview of additional expenses. Various departments in Upper School have additional charges for a variety of activities connected with their classes or team/club activities. Some of these are required expenses connected with the program, while many are optional or recommended but not necessarily required.

In addition to events planned by the Upper School, there are numerous student-generated fundraisers such as bake sales, coupon sales and T-shirt sales. These efforts are largely to support student-driven activities such as club events, dances, proms, etc. Participation is voluntary and costs can range upwards from 50 cents, with some events being more costly.

Part 1 - By Grade

Ninth Grade

<u>Month</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Cost</u>
October:	Camping Trip	Outdoor Adventure/Class Bonding	Moderate
	Homecoming Dance	Social	Nominal
November/December:	Fall Play Winter Formal	Cultural/Social Traditional Dance	Optional Moderate (ticket/dress)
February:	Banner Assembly	Tradition	Free
April:	Spring Play	Cultural/Social	Optional
June:	Commencement	Required Attendance	casual white dress, or white skirt & white shirt with sleeves; white shoes

Nominal = \$10 - \$ 30

Moderate = \$60 \$150

Banner Assembly

In 9th Grade, students make their class banner. Anyone may submit a design for their banner which the class then votes on. Once the design is chosen, the students work together to make the banner which will be hung in the Assembly Room with the 10th, 11th and 12th Grades' banners. The banner is presented to the rest of the Upper School in a surprise assembly. Materials used for the banner are bought with money from the class treasury.

Tenth Grade

<u>Month</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Cost</u>
October:	Bryn Mawr Outdoor Camp	Outdoor Adventure/Class Bonding	Moderate
	Homecoming Dance	Social	Nominal
December:	Winter Formal	Traditional Dance	Moderate (ticket/dress)
February:	Ring Dinner/Class Ring	Tradition	Moderate ++ (dinner/ring)
June:	Commencement	Required Attendance	casual white dress, or white skirt & white shirt with sleeves; white shoes

Nominal = \$10 - \$ 30

Moderate = \$60 \$150

Ring Day

In 10th Grade, students may purchase their class rings. Students may choose to have a silver ring or a 10k or 14k gold ring. Prices of rings vary from year to year depending on the prices of silver and gold; for a range, plan on prices between \$90 and \$400. The cost of the ring is paid to the manufacturer and cannot be charged to incidentals.

The class selects a day known only to the 10th Grade and their advisors as their Ring Day and buy decorations and candy to give out to the other students, all in their class color.

Ring Day is a favorite day enjoyed by all of the students and faculty. The night before Ring Day, the 10th Grade and their advisors have a dinner, usually at school, and then secretly decorate the front gates, along the driveway, the Residence and the Schoolhouse with streamers, posters and balloons for the next day. On Ring Day, the 10th Graders dress in their class color and, at an assembly, sing a song that they have composed, distribute candy and ask teachers and students to turn their rings for luck.

Eleventh Grade

<u>Month</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Cost</u>
September:	Trip to Washington DC	Educational/Social	Moderate
October:	Homecoming Dance	Social	Nominal
November/December:	Fall Play Winter Formal	Cultural/Social Traditional Dance	Optional Moderate (ticket/dress)
March:	Jr/Sr Banquet	Tradition	Nominal
April:	Spring Play	Cultural/Social	Optional
May:	Prom Marching In Dinner	Tradition Tradition	Moderate ++ Moderate + (dinner/Sr Blazer)
June:	Commencement	Required Attendance	casual white dress, or white skirt & white shirt with sleeves; white shoes

Nominal = \$10 - \$30

Moderate = \$60 - \$150

Eleventh Grade

Senior Blazers

During Junior year, the Junior class plan their Senior Blazers. The Senior Blazers are special blazers that are in each year's class color and have a monogrammed pocket that incorporates their graduation year into a capital letter B. The shade of blazer is decided by class vote and Juniors submit designs for the pocket monogram to be selected by class vote as well. The Blazer usually costs around \$115.

Jr./Sr. Exchange

The Jr./Sr. Exchange takes place in the Spring (usually in March). This is a traditional student activity that takes place over several weeks. Each Junior secretly selects a Senior and begins a series of anonymous tributes to the Senior. These tributes consist of largely handmade items, such as cheery notes and posters, baked goods and inexpensive gifts and trinkets. The event culminates in a banquet dinner at Baldwin, during which time the Junior reveals her identity to her Senior. The banquet costs about \$25. Decorations for the event are provided by the Junior class. After the dinner, the Juniors and Seniors usually go out for an evening of fun.

Prom

Eleventh Grade students pay for the overall expense of the Jr./Sr. Prom. The necessary funds are raised through class dues, class treasury built over the years and a variety of fundraising activities and sales. There is an additional ticket price for Juniors and Seniors and their dates that is the responsibility of the individuals attending.

Twelfth Grade

<u>Month</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Cost</u>
October:	Homecoming Dance	Social	Nominal
	3 College Visit Days	Informational	Moderate +
November/ December:	Fall Play	Cultural/Social	Optional
	Winter Formal	Traditional Dance	Moderate (ticket/dress)
January:			
February:			
March:	Jr/Sr Banquet	Tradition	Nominal
April:	Spring Play	Cultural/Social	Optional
May:	Prom Marching in Dinner	Tradition	Moderate ++ Nominal
June:	Commencement	Required Attendance	Moderate ++ Invitations: \$2 each Dinner: \$45/person Flowers, decorations & pictures: \$110 Dress: personal choice

Nominal = \$10 - \$30

Moderate = \$60 - \$150

Yearbook

Twelfth Grade students are required to donate or raise \$500 of advertising for the yearbook, known as the Prism. Yearbooks may also be purchased by any family for approximately \$40-\$50.

Part 2 – Additional Upper School Expenses

Academic Related Expenses

Throughout the year, there may be nominal expenses incurred (\$5-\$10) in a variety of subjects. These include an entry fee to a national language exam, a ticket to an Upper School play (required for theater students) and a student directory. In addition, there are occasional class trips taken to museums and/or the theater to supplement the curriculum in a given subject. The cost of these trips vary but are usually in the \$10-\$30 range.

Art

In the Lower and Middle School, Art classes are a required part of the curriculum. Lower and Middle School students are not charged for their studio supplies. Upper School Art classes are elective and therefore students are charged for their art supplies. The breakdown of average art supply expenses in Upper School is as follows:

Ceramics: \$50-\$75 per year

Jewelry: \$20 average for miscellaneous
\$30-\$90 range for individual projects

Painting: \$25 average for miscellaneous
\$40-\$125 range for individual projects

Photography \$80 average for miscellaneous

Sculpture: \$20 average for miscellaneous
\$40-\$200 range for individual projects

In addition, trips to the Craft Show and Art Museums are put on the student's incidentals for bus and entrance fees; approximately \$30. Lunches and any other miscellaneous expenses or purchases at these events are cash responsibilities of the students.

French

Every other year, in the spring, Grades 10, 11 and 12 go to France on a school exchange program for 14 days. The trip is not mandatory and costs around \$1,200. In addition, there are possible trips to Philadelphia or New York City. These trips relate to a topic of study and may involve a visit to a museum or attending a play. There may be one or two trips in a school year, if any trip is planned. Prices will vary depending on the trip and will be charged to incidentals.

Music – Performing Groups

Upper School students who choose to participate in the Upper School Chorus, the Ensemble, the B-Flats and/or the Baldwin Belles are required to purchase a uniform for performances. This is provided through the Music Department and the cost is approximately \$85. Every three years, the B-Flats and Belles will take a trip to an International Music Festival. Attendance is optional and fundraising will be done throughout the school year by the two groups. Part of the cost of the trip (approximately \$2,000 per student) may be incurred by each participant.

Science/Math

Each year, each student in Grades 9-12 will be charged a \$30 lab fee. There is a Ninth Grade Physics trip to Great Adventure that costs \$50.

Upper School students are required individually to purchase a graphing calculator that costs approximately \$100. This calculator will also be utilized in Upper School Math classes.

Testing

PSAT - \$12.00 fee billed through incidentals and done through the school.

SAT testing is the responsibility of the individual student. A location to take the exam is selected by the student from a list of SAT exam location sites provided in the registration forms. Seniors must also pay to have SAT scores reported to colleges free for the first four, and for a fee of \$9.00 per score report sent beyond that.

SAT Reasoning Test (registration and exam fee) - \$41.50

SAT Subject Tests – Each hour long test

\$17 registration fee, \$8 test fee, \$18 language test with listening

AP examinations cost \$82 per exam (required if enrolled in an AP course)

Other Upper School Expenses

Athletic Team Expenses

In addition to the normal equipment expenses, there is an extra fee assessed for Crew (\$450) and Squash (\$350).

Other sports related expenses include donations of food and beverages for the team at games on a rotating schedule and a donation to pay for a team picture to be included in the Spring Serenade program book (\$10-\$15). Traditionally, teams also purchase special team equipment for each member which range from duffle bags to sweatshirts or sweatpants. These items usually fall in the \$30 range and are optional.

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Clubs

Upper School students are also encouraged to participate in at least one of the numerous clubs offered at school. Many of these clubs have fundraising activities that require the participation or contribution of the students involved. Some of the clubs, such as Model UN and Model Congress, go on trips that have associated costs of approximately \$300.

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9th - \$400

10th - \$400

11th - \$450

12th - \$300

On Registration Day used texts may also be purchased. The price of each used text is nominal and ranges from \$1-\$20 depending on the original value and the condition of the text. Quantity and text availability are dependent upon current curriculum parameters and book donations from the previous school year. Proceeds from the Used Book Sale are donated to the Scholarship/Financial Aid Fund.

Tutoring

Baldwin provides help for students in Math and English through the Math and Writing Labs at no additional charge. Outside tutoring usually costs around \$60 per hour.

Philanthropic Contributions to Baldwin

The Annual Fund

Each year all parents are solicited for unrestricted contributions to the school's Annual Fund. Gifts to the Annual Fund represent a significant revenue source for the school, accounting for 6.5% of the operating budget. Revenue from tuitions only covers approximately 86% of the cost of a Baldwin education – the Annual Fund helps make up the difference. The Annual Fund helps pay for faculty salaries, financial aid, utility bills and campus maintenance. Parent participation in contributing to the Annual Fund is important to Baldwin. It is a clear indicator of parental endorsement of the school's program – a significant factor Foundations and other outside funding sources look at when considering grant proposals from the school.

Capital Campaigns

Over the course of time, additions and/or enhancements to the physical plant and program of the school are necessary. When these times occur, the school community prepares for a Capital Campaign. Parents, alumnae and other members of the Baldwin community are asked to contribute to these Capital drives to the best of their ability. The case statement articulating the goals of the campaign and the “launch of the campaign” will be well publicized.

These campaigns usually span a period of years in which the Advancement Office of the school, along with the assistance of many trustees and volunteers, solicit funds for the capital improvements. Capital Campaign gifts help pay for major facility upgrades or building projects that the operating budget cannot absorb. Campaign gifts can also be made to augment Baldwin's endowment. Capital gifts tend to be larger gifts that can be pledged and paid off over an extended time period and should supplement gifts to the Annual Fund.

Gifts to the Annual Fund and to a Capital Campaign are tax-deductible.

Financial Aid Discretionary Fund

The Financial Aid Discretionary Fund is a fund designed to assist families receiving Financial Aid with some costs beyond tuition, which are common to the Baldwin experience. Items that have been funded by this account include: some academic related expenses, fees for class trips, class rings, tutoring expenses, required athletic equipment and athletic camps.

Families may request assistance at any time by calling the Director of Admissions and Financial Aid. The degree of assistance is usually calculated based on the percentage of tuition received, the number and size of requests for assistance, and the budget available for this support.

Income for this fund is provided by fundraising projects such as:

- Annual "Flea Market for Financial Aid"
- Middle and Upper School Used Book/Uniform Sale
- Individual, Class or Club donations