



## A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM BAKERS BUZZIN'

**It is with the most profound sadness that we inform everyone that after eleven amazing years, Bakers Buzzin' will be permanently closing on January 19th.** We know this will come as a surprise to most of you but we hope that this message will help you better understand our decision.

Bakers Buzzin' is not just any family run, local small business. It's been a magical place where thousands of kids have cracked their very first eggs, celebrated amazing birthdays, met new friends, lit up at a recipe they made from scratch, giggled with our staff and proudly left with something to share with their family. We opened our doors in 2013 and quickly realized that this business was a perfect fit for our family and a perfect fit for this amazing community. Kids just absolutely love cooking and baking and we love teaching it just as much.

After six years in our old location down the road, we decided to expand into our current location in 2020...just in time for a global pandemic. That didn't stop us from continuing to offer a service to this community that brought sweet smells and bright smiles during a dark time. You continued to visit us and keep us busier than ever. The problem is that ever since then, the costs of running a small business like ours has been very challenging. Everything from food and supply costs to labor and everything in between continues to rise. However, the most difficult expense we have been facing is our monthly rent at our location. Following a sale of our center to a new owner a couple years back, the local property taxes and rent have jumped to astronomical levels with most of that tax burden falling on small business owners like us.

In addition to rising costs, we have experienced changes in consumer behavior and in turn, less families are visiting us on a consistent basis. We certainly don't blame anyone. We know times are challenging but in light of that, so many of you come and visit us again and again. Some

families come a little less often, and that has always been fine with us. Seeing your families for a special birthday, our annual gingerbread house workshops or for summer camp has always been an important part of our business. Sadly though, the combination of rising costs and reduced revenue makes it difficult for us to remain open.

This decision was extremely difficult for us to make. We have flip flopped over the past few months, but as we roll into 2025, this is the best time for us to move on. We know many of you have been inquiring about parties, summer camps and classes into the spring. We are so sorry we couldn't share this with you sooner. We just needed some time to come to this final decision. For those who have parties reserved, we are absolutely ready to make it the best party ever. **Our final day will be January 19th. Up until then, we have weekly classes, a bunch of kids night outs, a preschool class and party availability too!** If your child received a gift certificate for the holidays or have one from awhile back, we want you to come and see us! Pick some of the events on our schedule or come use it on some awesome kitchen equipment in our retail store. For those of you who reserved a summer camp, you'll hear from us shortly about refunding your tuition.

We absolutely want to see as many of you as we possibly can before we close our doors on January 19th. You are all very special to us and we're so proud to have been a part of this community for so long. Thank you for everything.

**Your Friends at Bakers Buzzin'**