


# Nov. 11, 2026

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## Baker High will face Helix Mentorship & Maritime Academy in the playoffs



**Two Helix varsity football teams are headed to the playoffs.**

**No 12 Baker High School will host No. 21 Helix Mentorship & Maritime Academy in the first round of the 2026 LHSAA Division III Select football playoffs.**



The Baker High Buffaloes made history, clinching the District 6-3A Championship for the first time in 20 years with an impressive 9-1 record. Meanwhile, the Mentorship Sharks are also celebrating a successful season, securing a spot in the playoffs.

“Everyone is excited – the coaches, the players, the students and the whole Helix family,” said Mentorship Coach Claude Coleman. “I’m happy for the players because I know how hard they've worked to get to the playoffs and our coaches have been putting in the work too. This is something we can continue to build on.”

“It’s great," said Baker High Coach Demetric Rogers. “My past success and some of my assistant coaches’ successes have helped us create a winning culture. But I tell the guys all the time just keep doing what we’ve been doing - taking it one day at a time and one week at a time and good things will continue to happen.”

Coach Rogers was an assistant football coach for 11 years before coming to Baker. This is his first year at Baker and first time serving as a Head Coach. He previously served as the Freshman Head Coach, Quarterback Coach, and Outside Linebacker Coach at Madison Prep Academy where he helped lead the team to the state quarterfinals in 2025 and the semifinals and district title in 2024.

Coach Coleman has more than 28 years of experience. He previously served as the head football coach at Baker High School, Bellaire High School and Capitol High School. He joined Helix in 2025.

**The teams will face each other in the playoffs on Friday, Nov. 13, 2026 at Baker High School at 7 p.m.**

Helix’s President and CEO Preston Castille says he couldn’t be prouder.

“I hate to see them face each other in the first round, but I couldn’t be more proud of our schools and the young men for their hard work and dedication to achieve this accomplishment,” Castille said.

You can purchase tickets **here.**

Congrats! We're Helix Proud!







# Helix participating in Veterans Day Celebration



**Today, Nov. 11, 2026, is Veterans Day and Helix Community Schools is proud to once again join the Red Stick Veterans Week Committee in celebrating and honoring the brave men and women who have served our country. The annual Veterans' Celebration will take place today at 10 a.m. at Southern University's F.G. Clark Activity Center.**

Students and staff from Helix Mentorship & Maritime Academy (HMMA) and the Air Force Junior ROTC, Helix Aviation Academy (HAA), Baker High School, and Park Ridge Achievement Academy along with the bands from HAA and HMMA will be performing as well as serving as volunteers.

Helix has partnered with the committee for the past few years.

"It's grown every year as we've had more and more of our students participating," said Andrea Richardson, Director of Arts and Electives, for Helix Community Schools. "It's a great opportunity for us to take a moment and acknowledge and appreciate the men and women who have dedicated their lives for our freedom."

Please join us! The event is free and open to the public.

# Join the Helix Team



**Helix is a proud sponsor of the Ron Smith Memorial Run the Runway 5K Run and Fun Walk** which will be held on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2026 at Helix Aviation Academy, **4400 Airpark Blvd**. in Baton Rouge and we want you to join our team.

We're inviting our students, faculty and staff and families to participate in the race at a **special discount of $5 off of registration. To get the discount, you must put in the code, HELIX2026, on the payment page in the section that says coupon code. Children 12 and under are free, but they must be registered.**

The event begins at 8 a.m. and the Community Event After Party begins at 9 a.m.

All proceeds benefit YMCA's programs for youth development, healthy living and social responsibiity. Smith was the former executive director of the Exxonmobil YMCA and a beloved leader who played a key role in shaping this race.

To register for the Helix Team, **click here.**







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**About Helix Community Schools**

Helix Community Schools is a homegrown charter school network headquartered in Baton Rouge, Louisiana area which includes Helix

Mentorship & Maritime Academy, Helix College & Career Academy, and Helix Aviation Academy. In Baker, Helix is partnering with the City of Baker School System to manage and operate Baker High School and Park Ridge Achievement Academy, both Helix Fintech & Performing Arts Academies. Helix opened Helix AI & Medical Academy in Opelousas, Louisiana, in August 2025, and is scheduled to open Helix Agriculture & Energy Academy there in 2027. At Helix, we are committed to exposing students to innovative college and career pathways in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math (STEAM) and the law. For more information, visit helixcommunityschools.org.

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