

Mr. Levine's Message

Greetings Baker Bulldogs Families!

October 20–24 is **National School Bus Safety Week** and **Bus Driver Appreciation Week**. Baker students will have the opportunity to write notes of appreciation to their bus drivers during Advisory the week of October 13–16.

October 24 is the **Back-to-School Mixer**. Tickets on sale now on SCO. Please see pages 4–5 for info and the permission slip.

Baker Middle School will celebrate **Red Ribbon Week** during the week of **October 27–31**. Red Ribbon week promotes and encourages a drug-free lifestyle. It is an ideal way for schools and communities to unite and take a visible stand against drugs. The 2025 week theme is; "Life Is A Puzzle, Solve It Drug Free."

Red Ribbon Week alone cannot solve our drug problems, but it can raise awareness and encourage participation in drug-free activities. Talk with your kids about drugs. No matter how young children are, talking with them is one of the best things you can do to help keep them drug free.

Red Ribbon Week at Baker culminates with **Costume Day** on **Friday, October 31**. On this day, **students are encouraged to wear costumes which show that our focus is to be drug free in honor of Red Ribbon Week. Wearing of costumes is completely optional and at the discretion of parents.** Each parent who is allowing their child(ren) to wear a costume is asked to work with their child(ren) on costume selection. All costumes must be middle school appropriate. **The following will not be allowed:**

- Weapons (real or toy)
- Costume masks
- Gory or bloody costumes or accessories

Please note that all school rules regarding appropriate attire remain in effect on Costume Day. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in making this a successful event.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can support your child's experience at Baker Middle School in any way.

Thank you for your support and partnership!

Best,

Sam Levine

Everything Baker Resource Event

We will hold the **Everything Baker Resource Event** on **Thursday, October 16, 2025, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Baker Middle School Café**. The purpose of the event is to educate and assist our school community with MCPS technology usage and/or community resources. Please see pp 2–3 for additional info.

Please contact David_H_Moyler@mcpsmd.org if you would like to support with this wonderful event in any way.

Holiday Giving Project

The Holiday Giving Project provides **Thanksgiving and December Holiday assistance to low-income households.** A network of social workers, school counselors, and human service professionals refer families in need of assistance. Local non-profits, faith-based organizations, and public agencies service recipients as donations are available.

Referral Deadline Dates:

- **Thanksgiving Holiday — Friday, October 24, 2025**
- **December Holiday — Friday, November 21, 2025**

While a referral is not a guarantee of assistance, the Project helps as many families in need as donations allow.

Please contact your grade level counselor if you would like a referral. 6th Grade — Mrs. Slotkowski, 7th Grade — Ms. Hahn, 8th Grade — Mrs. Buffum.



Looking Ahead

September 15–October 15

Hispanic–Latino Heritage Month

October — National Principals' Month

Tickets now on sale for Back-to-School Mixer (see pages 4–5)

Tuesday, October 14 — Activity Buses

Cross Country vs. Hallie Wells, Home Softball vs. Hallie Wells, Boys Away Softball vs. Kingsview, Girls Home eSports, Mr. Conner and Mr. McKay, Rooms 233 and 234

PTA Meetings (see pages 7–8)

Wednesday, October 15 — Activity Buses

Fidos for Freedom Therapy Dogs, during lunches in the Media Center
Cross Country, Mr. Bozicevich, Blacktop

Thursday, October 16 — Activity Buses

Bracelet Club, Ms. Walsh, Room 117A
Cross Country, Mr. Bozicevich, Blacktop
Homework Club, Ms. Laraia, Room 131
Jazz Band, Ms. Fell, Room 107
Talent Show Rehearsal, Mr. Fisher, Rm 225
Everything Baker (see pages 2–3)

Fri, October 17 — Non-Instructional Day
No school for students and teachers

Sunday, October 19

PTA Leechwoods Night (see page 9)

October 20–31

School Bus Safety Week and

Bus Driver Appreciation Week

Character Counts Week

Mental Health Awareness Week

Mon, October 20 — Non-Instructional Day

No school for students and teachers

October 27–31

Outdoor Education Week for 6th Grade

Red Ribbon Week

- **Monday 10/27: Red Out Day!**
Wear as many red items as you can.
- **Tuesday 10/28: Put drugs to rest!**
Pajama day.
- **Wednesday 10/29: Team Up Against Drugs!** Wear your favorite sports jersey or shirt.
- **Thursday 10/30: "Lei Off Drugs" Day!**
Wear Hawaiian leis, shirts, or tropical attire.
- **Friday 10/31: Drugs are Scary!**
Wear your favorite costume to "scare off drugs!"

Friday, October 31

Marking Period 1 ends

Monday, November 3

No school for students



EVERYTHING BAKER MS RESOURCE NIGHT

INVITING ALL FAMILIES TO LEARN MORE
ABOUT....

- **BAKER MS**
- **MCPS SERVICES**
- **MONTGOMERY COUNTY RESOURCES**

WHEN: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025

TIME: 6:30 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.

WHERE: BAKER MS CAFETERIA

THE EVENT IS IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH

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INTERCULTURAL WORKS



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A WIDER CIRCLE

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BIENVENIDOS

NOCHE DE TODO BAKER MS

INVITANDO A TODAS LAS FAMILIES PARA
APRENDER MÁS ACERA DE....

- BAKER MS
- SERVICIOS DE MCPS
- RECURSOS DE CONDADO DE MONTGOMERY

CUANDO: JUEVES, 16 DE OCTUBRE DEL 2025

HORA: 6:30 P.M. A 8:30 P.M.

ADÓNDE: CAFETERIA DE BAKER MS

ESTE EVENTO ES EN INGLÉS Y ESPAÑOL



Montgomery County
Department of
Health and Human Services



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Baker Middle School

Back-to-School Mixer

Friday, October 24 2025

3:00–5:00 p.m. in the Gym • \$7.00 per ticket

Tickets may be purchased only online at <https://mcpsmd.schoolcashonline.com/>
Friday, October 3, 2025, through 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 23, 2025.
There will be no cash sales!

Tickets will not be sold at the door! All sales are final— refunds will not be given.

Students must have their own transportation home after the mixer at 5:00 p.m.

Pizza, soda, water, chips, and cookies will be sold at the mixer for \$1 each. CASH ONLY!

Any proceeds from this event will go towards student and school needs.

All school rules apply, including dress code.

As with all Baker mixers, this mixer is open to Baker students only.

Parents – if you wish to chaperone, please call the Main Office at 240-207-2440.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL MIXER PERMISSION SLIP

Students: You must turn in this completed and signed form

AND a payment receipt from SchoolCash Online (<https://mcpsmd.schoolcashonline.com/>)
to your Advisory teacher by 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 23, 2025, in order to attend the mixer.

Name of Student: _____ Grade _____

Name of Parent: _____

Phone number where parent can be reached during the mixer: _____

My child has permission to attend the Baker Middle School Mixer on Friday, October 24, 2025 from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

My child and I agree to the following expectations:

1. **Tickets to the mixer will only be available through SchoolCash Online. All ticket sales are final — no refunds!**
2. Each student will use only his/her own ticket to enter the mixer.
3. Each student will abide by all school rules, including dress code.
4. Each student will have a ride home at 5:00 p.m.
5. A student who needs to be picked up before 5:00 p.m., must be picked up by a parent at the doors to the gym.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Baker Middle School Mixer Chaperone Guidelines

BEFORE THE MIXER

Call the Main Office at 240-207-2440 if you are the parent or guardian of a Baker student and wish to chaperone at the mixer. Please leave a phone number where you may be reached.

Please remember that Baker mixers are for Baker students only. It is not appropriate to bring along siblings that do not attend Baker Middle School.

Prior to arriving at the mixer, please review the school student discipline policy and behavior expectations as posted in the Student & Family Handbook.

ARRIVAL AT THE MIXER

Arrive 15 minutes before the mixer is scheduled to begin.

If the mixer is held right after school, enter the school through the main front doors and report to the Main Office to receive your name badge. Proceed to the gym where you will be given directions by an administrator.

If the mixer is held at night, enter the building through the lower level doors and report to the administrator in the lobby to receive your name badge and directions for the mixer.

DURING THE MIXER

Monitor students in your assigned area.

Once tickets are collected, students may exit the gym only to use the restrooms or buy snacks.

Students may not go outside during the mixer. A student may leave only if a parent arrives and escorts his/her child out of the mixer.

All school rules apply to students at the mixers (see the *Student & Family Handbook*). If you observe behavior that is contrary to school policies, report it to an administrator or teacher.

If you observe behavior that is rude, threatening, offensive, harmful, or otherwise inappropriate, report it to an administrator or teacher. This applies to adults as well as students.

AFTER THE MIXER

Stay 15 minutes after the mixer.


Usher students out of the mixer once the gym lights have been turned on.

Usher students out of the building and assist students in finding their rides home.

If any student has not been picked up within 15 minutes after the end of the mixer, escort the student to an administrator in front of the building.

**Thank you for chaperoning the mixer
and supporting our students!**





**Show us what
you've got and grab
your chance to
shine on stage!**

TALENT SHOW

**6-7
NOV** **AT 6:30 PM**
John T. Baker Middle
Gymnatorium

SINGERS, COMEDIANS, DANCERS, ACTORS,
JUGGLERS, MUSICANS, RAPPERS and MORE

SEE MR. FISHER

Rehearsals will be Thursdays after School
in Room 225 starting in October

UPCOMING PTA MEETING DATES:

Tuesday, Oct. 14

6 pm – 8th Grade Committee
7 pm – PTA Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 11

6 pm – 8th Grade Committee
7 pm – PTA Meeting

Tuesday, Dec. 9

6 pm – 8th Grade Committee
7 pm – PTA Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 13

6 pm – 8th Grade Committee
7 pm – PTA Meeting

PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Amy Bartosch, President –
BakerPTA@yahoo.com

Shannon West, Treasurer –
BakerPTATreasurer@yahoo.com

Stacy Smith, Secretary –
BakerPTASecr@yahoo.com

Jaime Kemp, 8th Grade Comm –
Baker8thGrade@yahoo.com

Visit our webpage!



Visit our Facebook Page!



PTA UPDATES

Have a student with food allergies? Come to our next meeting, 10/14 at 7 pm, to hear from Zoie Gregory. Zoie is a Girl Scout & Senior at DHS who is working on her Gold Award. She'll be giving a presentation at our next meeting to create awareness of food allergies and the safety for students with allergies in the classroom. She'll have a short presentation and a Q&A for parents & students. Please plan to attend (in person or on Zoom)!

Still thinking about joining the PTA? Please email BakerPTA@yahoo.com with any questions or for more information on how to get involved!



Scan the QR code to link to our online membership form!

Leechwoods is Back on October 19th!

- ◆ Use code BULLDOGS during checkout for 10% off
- ◆ Not So Spooky Hayride at 6:30
- ◆ Dedicated Baker Firepit & \$6 Slider Meal Deal!
- ◆ See attached flyer for all the details!

Have an 8th Grade Student?

- ◆ Please fill out the attached form
- ◆ Donations cover - DHS Class of 2030 t-shirt, 8th Grade Dance and Promotion Ceremony in June
- ◆ Donations can be made via check (Baker PTA with student's name in the memo line) or via PayPal @BakerMSPTA or scan the QR code below.



PTA Meeting is Tuesday, October 14!

- ◆ 8th Grade Committee meets at 6 pm
- ◆ General Meeting is at 7 pm
- ◆ In person in the Media Center
Want to call in? [Zoom Call In Link](#)
- ◆ Meeting ID: 856 0156 9113
Passcode: 908892

PTA Dates & Contacts

PRÓXIMAS FECHAS DE REUNIONES DE LA PTA:

Martes 14 de octubre

6 pm – comité de octavo grado
7 pm – reunión de la PTA

Martes 11 de noviembre

6 pm – comité de octavo grado
7 pm – reunión de la PTA

Martes 11 de diciembre

6 pm – comité de octavo grado
7 pm – reunión de la PTA

Martes 13 de enero

6 pm – comité de octavo grado
7 pm – reunión de la PTA

JUNTA EJECUTIVA DE LA PTA:

Amy Bartosch, Presidenta –
BakerPTA@yahoo.com

Shannon West, Tesorera –
BakerPTATreasurer@yahoo.com

Stacy Smith, Secretaria –
BakerPTASecr@yahoo.com

Jaime Kemp, comité de 8 grado –
Baker8thGrade@yahoo.com

Visita nuestra página web!



Visit nuestra página de Facebook!



ACTUALIZACIONES DE LA PTA

¿Tiene un estudiante con alergias alimentarias? Venga a nuestra próxima reunión, el 14 de octubre a las 7 p. m., para escuchar a Zoie Gregory. Zoie es una Girl Scout y estudiante de último año de DHS que está trabajando en su Premio de Oro. Dará una presentación en nuestra próxima reunión para crear conciencia sobre las alergias alimentarias y la seguridad de los estudiantes con alergias en el aula. Ofrecerá una breve presentación y una sesión de preguntas y respuestas para padres y estudiantes. ¡Asista (en persona o por Zoom)!

¿Aún estás pensando en unirse a la PTA? Si tienes alguna pregunta o quieres más información sobre cómo participar, escríbenos a BakerPTA@yahoo.com.



¿Quieres ser miembro?

¡Escanee el código QR para vincularlo a su formulario de membresía en línea!

¡Leechwoods vuelve el 19 de octubre!

- ◆ Utilice el código BULLDOGS durante el pago para obtener un 10% de descuento
- ◆ Paseo en carreta no tan espeluznante a las 6:30
- ◆ ¡Oferta de comida con fogata dedicada de Baker y slider por \$6!
- ◆ ¡Consulta el folleto adjunto para conocer todos los detalles!

¿Tienes un estudiante de octavo grado?

- ◆ Por favor, rellene el formulario adjunto
- ◆ Las donaciones cubren:
- ◆ Camiseta de la clase 2030 de DHS para todos los estudiantes, ceremonia de baile y promoción de octavo grado y junio
- ◆ Las donaciones se pueden hacer mediante cheque (Baker PTA con el nombre del estudiante en la línea de notas) o mediante PayPal @BakerMSPTA o escanee el código QR a continuación.



¡La reunión del PTA es el martes 14 de octubre!

- ◆ El comité de octavo grado se reúne a las 6pm
- ◆ El comité general se reúne a las 7 pm
- ◆ En persona en el Centro de Medios
¿Quieres llamar? [Enlace de llamada de Zoom](#)
- ◆ ID de reunion: 856 0156 9113
Código de acceso: 908892

BAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA & LEECHWOODS

PRESENT

A Spooky Spirit Night

10% OFF TICKET PRICES STARTING 9/22
USING CODE: BULLDOGS

HAUNTED TRAIL*

SPOOKY HAY RIDE*

\$6 SLIDER MEAL (W/ CHIPS & DRINK)

DEDICATED FIREPIT

FREE GAMES FROM 6:30 – 7:00**

NOT SO SPOOKY HAY RIDE 6:30***

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

FIRST TRAIL AND HAY RIDE TICKETS START AT 7:00 PM LAST ENTRY 9:00 PM

[HTTPS://WWW.LEECHWOODS.COM/](https://www.leechwoods.com/)

*SEPARATE TICKET PURCHASES REQUIRED FOR TRAIL AND HAY RIDE

**NO PRIZES WITH FREE GAMES



***PURCHASE THE NOT SO SCARY RIDE TICKETS BY 6:20 PM AT THE GATE

11201 BETHESDA CHURCH RD. DAMASCUS, MARYLAND 20872

John T Baker Middle School PTA

8th Grade Promotion and End of Year Activities

Lets Celebrate our Middle School Graduates!

What does your donation cover?	Your donation covers a DHS Class of 2030 t-shirt for each student, the 8th grade dance that includes food and drinks , a DJ , and photo booth , as well as decorations for the promotion ceremony .
Contribution	We ask that families contribute \$35 or more for each child – see what it covers above!
Want to do more?	We would love if families consider signing up to help with the various events and activities for our 8 th graders. We appreciate both your financial contributions and your time and efforts to help create wonderful memories for our children. 8th Grade Committee meetings are from 6 -7 pm before PTA meetings.
To Do: 	Please complete the form below and return to Baker's main office along with your contribution. Checks should be made payable to "BAKER PTA" with a note in the memo AND on the envelope: "8 th Grade Promotion." Return to: Baker Middle School PTA, 25400 Oak Drive, Damascus, MD 20872. You can also use this link to fill out the form online or use the QR code to the right.
Digital Payment Options	Digital payments may be made through PayPal using @BakerMSPTA or by scanning the following QR code: 

Stay connected so you know what the plan is and to see how you can help. Email questions to the 8th Grade PTA Committee at Baker8thGrade@yahoo.com . We greatly appreciate your support!

Your 8th Grader's full name: _____

Let us know how you can help! Circle one or more:

Dance/Celebration
T-Shirt Distribution

Promotion Ceremony
Fundraising

Class Gift

Name: _____



Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Enclose your \$35 check payable to Baker PTA, and mark in the memo "8th Grade Promotion"

John T Baker Middle School PTA

8th Grade Promotion and End of Year Activities

¡Celebremos a nuestros Graduados de Escuela Intermedia!

¿Qué cubre su donación?	Su donación cubre una camiseta de la Clase DHS de 2030 para cada estudiante, el baile de octavo grado que incluye comida, bebidas, un DJ y una cabina de fotos, así como decoraciones para la ceremonia de promoción.
Contribución	Pedimos que las familias contribuyan con \$35 o más por cada estudiante — ¡vea lo que cubre arriba!
¿Quiere hacer más?	Nos encantaría que las familias consideraran inscribirse para ayudar con los diversos eventos y actividades para nuestros estudiantes de octavo grado. Agradecemos tanto sus contribuciones financieras como su tiempo y esfuerzo para ayudar a crear recuerdos maravillosos para nuestros niños. Las reuniones del Comité de Octavo Grado son de 6 a 7 p.m. antes de las reuniones del PTA.
Pendiente: 	Por favor complete el formulario a continuación y devuélvalo a la oficina principal de Baker junto con su contribución. Los cheques deben hacerse a nombre de "BAKER PTA" con una nota en el memo Y en el sobre: "8th Grade Promotion" (Promoción de Octavo Grado). Envíelo a: Baker Middle School PTA, 25400 Oak Drive, Damascus, MD 20872. También puede usar este enlace para completar el formulario en línea o escanear el código QR a la derecha.
Opciones de Pago Digital	Los pagos digitales pueden hacerse a través de PayPal usando @BakerMSPTA o escaneando el siguiente Código QR: 

Así sabrá cuál es el plan y cómo puede ayudar. Envíe sus preguntas por correo electrónico al Comité de Octavo Grado del PTA a: Baker8thGrade@yahoo.com. ¡Agradecemos mucho su apoyo!

Nombre completo de su estudiante: _____

¡Háganos saber cómo puede ayudar! Marque una o más opciones

Baile/Celebración

Ceremonia de Promoción

Regalo de Clase

Distribución de Camisetas

Recaudación de Fondos

Nombre: _____

Correo electrónico: _____ Teléfono: _____

Adjunte su cheque de \$35 a nombre de Baker PTA y anote en el memo "8th Grade Promotion."



Montgomery County Public Schools
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org

Ride by the Rules: Making the Right Choices



Mrs. Sheba Ram, MCPS Bus Operator

Ms. S says...

- **Be Respectful**
- **Be Responsible**
- **Be Safe**



Bus Safety: A Team Effort

Every day nearly 100,000 students in the Montgomery County Public Schools ride a school bus. Their safety is a top priority for the school system. A safe, pleasant ride helps students start and end the school day on a positive note and can have an enormous impact on a student's attitude toward school.

Students, parents, bus operators, principals, and teachers must work together to ensure safe and pleasant bus transportation. A parent's responsibility includes knowing and reinforcing standards of safety and behavior at the bus stop and on the bus. Disorderly students can threaten their own safety and that of others

An emphasis on safety

by distracting the bus operator. Disorderly and aggressive conduct also can make the bus ride to and from school an unpleasant and even intimidating experience for students. To help prevent this, buses may be equipped with audio and video recording devices.

Parent responsibility also includes ensuring that your children have a safe and, especially for younger children, supervised place to go if school is closed, opens late, or closes early due to adverse weather conditions or if the bus does not come for some reason.

How parents can help

Every member of the community has a role in fostering safe, positive behavior at the bus stop and on the bus. As a parent, you can help preserve the safety of all students and ensure a smooth beginning and ending to the school day by making sure that your children

- Know and understand the rules for riding the school bus;
- Understand that the school bus is an extension of school, and the same standards of behavior expected in the classroom apply to the bus as well;
- Obey the instructions of the bus operator, just as they would follow the instructions of a teacher or school administrator;
- Show consideration for other students on the bus and at the bus stop;
- Speak respectfully to everyone, including their peers, without using vulgar language;
- Know that fighting and other violence, harassment, bullying, and sexual activity is strictly prohibited;
- Show consideration for properties around the bus stop, refraining from littering or damaging any property;
- Know the bus route number and ride the same bus daily; and
- Understand that riding the school bus is a privilege for most students, not a right, and that this privilege can be revoked temporarily or permanently because of misconduct.

Protect Yourself— and Others

You are responsible for your behavior and self-control at all times. Knowing this, and making good decisions based on the rules, can save you from making mistakes that could have unintended consequences.

School buses are an extension of school, and you must adhere to the same standards of behavior on a school bus as in the classroom. If you don't, you could face severe consequences, including losing the privilege of riding the bus or even being suspended from school. To protect yourself and others, and keep the privilege of riding the school bus, ride by the rules!

Put safety first

Be careful walking to and from the bus stop and while waiting for the bus to arrive. During early morning and late afternoon hours it is more difficult for motorists to see pedestrians. At all times, but particularly in winter when you may be walking and waiting near dark and slippery roads you should

- ◆ Wear highly visible clothing and/or carry a backpack with reflective material
- ◆ Have a safe and well-lit area to wait for the bus, especially when the roads are wet or slick
- ◆ Wait well off the road and be observant of all traffic
- ◆ Move toward the bus only after it stops and the driver has signaled that it is safe
- ◆ Refrain from trying to direct traffic upon walking toward or leaving the bus

Remember: Riding the school bus is a privilege for most students, not a right, and this privilege can be revoked at any time. Be smart...

Ride by the Rules!



Obey the bus operator just as you would a teacher or school administrator.

Do:

- ◆ Behave appropriately at the bus stop, respecting private property and keeping noise levels down for nearby residents
- ◆ Line up to board the bus promptly, without shoving or pushing
- ◆ Be seated and make room for others to sit as well. After bus routes are adjusted at the beginning of the school year, standing is not allowed
- ◆ Obey the bus operator just as you would a teacher or school administrator and act as you would in the classroom
- ◆ Keep the aisle and emergency door clear of obstructions
- ◆ Keep your arms, feet, and head inside the bus at all times
- ◆ Tell the bus operator, principal, and your parents if anyone is harassing, bullying, threatening, or fighting with you
- ◆ Be aware that bus operators may assign seats to students
- ◆ Be considerate of nearby yards, driveways, houses, buildings, and private property
- ◆ Discard trash in appropriate containers
- ◆ Be courteous and respectful of others

Don't:

- ◆ Use vulgar language or gestures
- ◆ Throw any papers or objects in the bus or out the windows
- ◆ Smoke, drink, eat, chew tobacco, or play radios without headphones
- ◆ Engage in any violent behavior or sexual harassment, which also may be punishable by law
- ◆ Engage in any sexual activity
- ◆ Bring prohibited materials (i.e., alcohol, drugs, weapons, explosives, and glass containers) on the bus. In addition to being against school system regulations, possession of some of these materials is a criminal offense
- ◆ Damage or deface any part of the vehicle
- ◆ Operate the emergency door without permission
- ◆ Bring large objects that cannot be held on your lap on the bus, such as some musical instruments, class projects, etc.; try to make other arrangements to take such items to school

**Riding the
school bus is
a privilege**

Know the consequences

Failure to follow the rules may result in one or more of the following consequences:

- ◆ The bus operator may bring you back to the school, or call the police, if you pose a serious threat to your own safety and/or the safety and health of other riders
- ◆ The principal may suspend your bus riding privileges temporarily or permanently, depending on the circumstances
- ◆ For certain offenses, you may be suspended from school
- ◆ For illegal activities, you may face criminal charges

NOTE: Buses may be equipped with both an audio and a visual recording device.

2025 Annual Speak Up, Save a Life Video Contest



The poster features a film strip background. At the top left is the seal of the Office of the State's Attorney, Montgomery County, Maryland. To its right is a green speech bubble with 'SPEAK UP' and a red heart with 'Call 911'. Below these is a blue banner with 'SAVE A LIFE' and the text 'Silence KILLS Good Samaritans SAVE LIVES'. The main text reads: 'Students! Create an original video promoting awareness of the dangers of illicit opioids, overdose and fentanyl among teens.' Below this is 'Video Contest!' in large red script. Further down, it says 'MCPS students earn 10 SSL hours for participating' and 'Contest OPENS October 9, 2025' and 'Entries DUE ON December 7, 2025'. A clapperboard graphic shows '1st place: \$5,000'. Three film strip frames show '2nd place: \$3,000', '3rd place: \$1,000', and 'Fan Favorite \$1,000'. A QR code is labeled 'SCAN TO ENTER AND UPLOAD YOUR VIDEO!' with a red arrow. A photo shows three students filming with a camera. On the right, logos for sponsors are listed: 'SPONSORED BY' followed by 'MAGNOLIA' (75th Anniversary), 'Montgomery County Public Schools', 'MCCPTA' (Montgomery County Child Protection Team), and 'DHHS' (Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services).

Office of the State's Attorney
Montgomery County, Maryland

SPEAK UP *Call 911*

SAVE A LIFE
Silence **KILLS** Good Samaritans **SAVE LIVES**

Students! Create an original video promoting awareness of the dangers of illicit opioids, overdose and fentanyl among teens.

Video Contest!

MCPS students earn 10 SSL hours for participating

Contest **OPENS** **October 9, 2025**
Entries **DUE ON** **December 7, 2025**

1st place: \$5,000

2nd place: \$3,000

3rd place: \$1,000

Fan Favorite \$1,000

SCAN TO ENTER AND UPLOAD YOUR VIDEO!

SPONSORED BY

MAGNOLIA 75th Anniversary
Planting • Housing • Cooking

Montgomery County Public Schools
UNLEASHING POTENTIAL

MCCPTA
every child survives

DHHS
MONTGOMERY COUNTY
Department of Health and Human Services

Contest Opens, October 9, 2025 - Entries Due on December 7, 2025 [Video Contest Registration Page](#)

First Place Winner Receives \$5,000 Second Place Winner Receives \$3,000 Third Place Winner and Fan Favorite Winners Receive \$1,000
An additional \$5,000 to be split among Honorable Mention Winners

This contest is not just a competition; it's a platform for your voice to be heard. It challenges teenagers to create an original video to promote awareness about the dangers of illicit opioids, fentanyl, and the risk of overdose. Your video could make a difference. The video contest is open to all 6th - 12th-grade students living in, or attending school in, Montgomery County. The top prize is \$5,000; second place is \$3,000; third place and fan favorite winners will receive \$1,000.00.

Sponsored by: The Good Samaritan Fund and [The Magnolia Companies](#), in honor of two young Montgomery County residents lost to fentanyl: Michael Pizarra and Matthew Loudon. The Magnolia Companies is a local organization dedicated to promoting health and wellness in our community, and is also in partnership with [MCPS MCCPTA DHHS](#), all of whom are committed to supporting initiatives that raise awareness about opioid dangers and fentanyl.