

Dr. Worthington's Message

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Required Vaccinations for 2023–2024

The Annotated Code of Maryland (10.06.04.03) requires that all Maryland students who are new to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) and those entering Grade 7, provide documentation of required vaccinations or a medical or religious exemption. This documentation is required within the first 20 days of school.

Important Dates

- **Monday, September 18, 2023:** Students who have not provided documentation of the required vaccinations must be excluded from school until such documentation is provided.

Additional Information

- [2023-2024 Vaccination Requirements](#)
- Immunization Clinic Schedule for Families: [September](#)

Please see Part 2 of the Summer Mailing for more details.

Family Life Parent/Guardian Meeting

Students are scheduled to take the comprehensive health education unit on Family Life and Human Sexuality (FLHS). Instruction in this unit is designed to help students develop a foundation for making responsible choices that reflect respect for the individual and for others in the family and community.

If you would like more information about the comprehensive health education program, please join us on **Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.** Instructional materials will be reviewed at this time. If you are unable to attend but want to review the materials, contact [Patricia T. Paredes@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Patricia.T.Paredes@mcpsmd.org) or call the school at 240-207-2440.

All students will receive Family Life Instruction through their health class unless parents/guardians turn in a signed form stating that they do not want the student taking Family Life.

Lifetouch Picture Day Is Coming!

Photographers from Lifetouch will be at Baker Middle School on Tuesday, September 26, to take fall individual pictures. Students will be photographed through their PE or Health class. Paper order forms will be distributed to students during Advisory on Tuesday, September 19. Families are encouraged to pre-order online at mylifetouch.com with their student's ID or the Picture Day ID **EVT9K74D9**. If you order online, you may qualify to receive a free 8x11 photo book from Shutterfly. *See page 3.*

SGA News

Want to build or practice your leadership skills, plus earn SSL hours? Apply to become a part of this year's student government association (SGA). In order to receive application materials and information, all candidates must attend a SGA interest meeting either on Tuesday, September 19 or Tuesday, September 26, in Ms. Blankenship's room #233.



Looking Ahead

September 15–October 15

Hispanic-Latino Heritage Month

Tuesday, September 19 — Activity Buses

SGA Interest Meeting, Room 233,
Ms. Blankenship

Wed., September 20 — Activity Buses

Baker PTA Spirit Night at Hornet's Nest
Grille, 11:30 a.m.–9:00 p.m. (*see p 8*)
Family Life Night, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 21 — Activity Buses

K-Club, Room 210, Ms. Alvarado

Friday, September 22

6th Grade Mini Outdoor Ed Day
7th Grade Team Building Day
8th Grade Career Day

**Early Release Day for Students —
Baker dismisses at 12:30 p.m.**

Monday, September 25

No school for students and staff

Tuesday, September 26 — Activity Buses

Lifetouch Fall Picture Day
Chess Club, Room 115, Mr. Ciccarello
Cross Country vs. Clemente – Home
Softball vs. Clemente –
Boys Away/Girls Home
SGA Interest Meeting, Room 233,
Ms. Blankenship

Wed., September 27 — Activity Buses

MAP-M assessment in the morning
NJHS Meeting, Media Center, Mr. Conner
Outdoor Ed Parent Information Meeting,
6:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 28 — Activity Buses

MAP-R assessment in the morning
K-Club, Room 210, Ms. Alvarado

Friday, September 29

Due date for submitting verification of
SSL hours earned during the summer

October — Nationals Principal's Month

Thursday, October 5

Interims available on StudentVUE/
ParentVUE and mailed home to non-
activated ParentVue households

Friday, October 6

Baker Band Night at DHS

SEE Something → SAY Something
Maryland Safe School Hotline Number
1-833-MD-B-SAFE / 1-833-632-7233

JOHN T. BAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL

25400 Oak Drive, Damascus, Maryland 20872 240-207-2440

Office of the Principal

September 15, 2023

Dear Student and Parent/Guardian:

The Maryland General Assembly passed the Blueprint for Maryland's Future (Blueprint) legislation in 2021. The legislation is designed to transform public education in the state into a world-class education system by increasing educational funding, enriching student experiences and accelerating student outcomes, as well as improving the quality of education for all children in Maryland. One component of this legislation relates to providing individualized career advising services to middle and high school students. With this in mind, I am excited to share that Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) will collaborate with [WorkSource Montgomery](#) (WSM) and [Montgomery College](#) (MC) to develop and implement an exciting new Montgomery County Career Advising Program (MoCoCAP) beginning this school year.

MoCoCAP will assist us in transforming the way we support career success for our students. The vision for MoCoCAP is to provide career advising services that will enable students to vividly describe their own strengths, interests, and workplace values; identify how they are expanding their skills and knowledge; describe the various opportunities ahead of them; and describe their goals for their future as they develop life long career management skills. During the 2023-2024 school year MoCoCAP will support Grade 6 and Grade 9 students, and expand the roll out of MoCoCAP to all secondary students by the 2025-2026 school year.

Full implementation of this innovative and transformative work and will take time to plan, deploy, study, and perfect. Input and feedback on this work will be critical in the coming months and years. To learn more about MoCoCAP and our partners in this work, visit the MoCoCAP [website](#).

If you have questions about this new initiative, please use the link below. This will support the development of an FAQ that will be posted to the MoCoCAP website to ensure all stakeholders are informed about this work as we continue to plan and implement.

Sincerely,



Louise J. Worthington, Ed.D
Principal

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Lifetouch.

PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

¡YA LLEGA EL DÍA DE LA FOTO!

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

John T. Baker Middle School Fall Individuals



Scan to order!
¡Echa un vistazo para encargarlo!



How it Works:



Pre-order today on
mylifetouch.com
using your Student ID or
Picture Day ID:
EVT9K74D9



Students are
photographed on
Picture Day



Orders will be sent home
with your student after
Picture Day

Cómo funciona: Encarga de manera anticipada en mylifetouch.com usando tu ID de estudiante o la ID del Día de la Foto. Los estudiantes son fotografiados el Día de la Foto. Los pedidos serán enviados a tu casa con tu estudiante después del Día de la Foto.

Questions? Contact our Help Center at lifetouch.com/support-us. Select K-12 School Photography for assistance.
¿Preguntas? Comunícate con nuestro Centro de Ayuda en lifetouch.com/support-us. Selecciona Fotografía Escolar K-12 para recibir asistencia.



ParentVUE Quick Guide

What is ParentVUE?

ParentVUE provides a way to view all school related information and data for all your students. Register for athletics, special programs, communicate with teachers, and verify your student information annually.



ParentVUE Mobile Apps

Connect and communicate from the convenience of your mobile device.



Download the ParentVUE Mobile app

iOS App



apple.co/3aN7LaP

Android App



bit.ly/PVUE-Android



ParentVUE Features

- Check grades and attendance
- View report cards, test scores, GT identification letters and other documents from the school
- Communicate with school staff
- View student schedules
- Schedule parent/teacher conferences
- Make course requests for the next school year
- View past courses completed towards graduation (course history)
- View status of Student Service Learning (SSL) hours obtained towards graduation
- Connect with myMCPS Classroom (Canvas) to view course content, assignments and resources
- Update emergency card information
- View school information such as address, phone number and website



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- français
- 한국어
- Tiếng Việt

Translate ParentVUE into your preferred language

English



ParentVUE Quick Guide

⚠ How Do I Activate My ParentVUE Account?



Using the activation letter provided by your school:

- Login to <https://md-mcps-psv.edupoint.com>
- Select "I am a Parent"
- Click "Activate Account"
- Accept the terms and conditions
- Enter the information prompted
- Be sure to enter your name and activation key **EXACTLY** as they appear in the letter

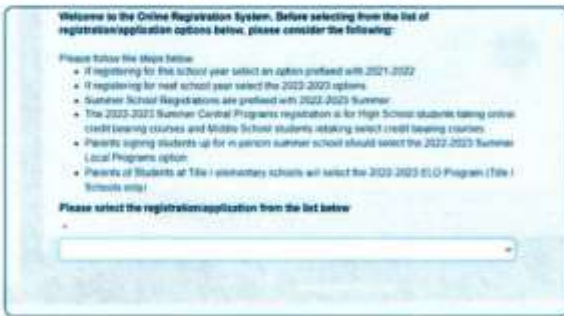


Online Registration



Available Registrations/Applications (availability dates for each will vary):

- Annual Verification
- Athletic Registration
- New Student Enrollment (K, and 1-12)
- Prekindergarten/Headstart
- Virtual Academy
- Summer Central High School Programs
- Summer ELO Programs



Additional ParentVUE Resources



New to MCPS?

Never had a child enrolled or tested in MCPS? You can create your own ParentVUE account to enroll your student using the following link:

https://md-mcps.edupoint.com/PXP2_OEN_Login.aspx





Guía rápida de ParentVUE

¿Qué es ParentVUE?

ParentVUE proporciona una manera de ver toda la información y los datos relacionados con la escuela para todos sus estudiantes. Inscribirse para los deportes, programas especiales, comunicar con los maestros, y verificar su información estudiantil cada año.



Aplicaciones móviles de ParentVUE

Conéctese y comuníquese desde la comodidad de su dispositivo móvil.



Descargar la nueva aplicación móvil de ParentVUE

Aplicación para iOS



apple.co/3aN7LaP

Aplicación para Android



bit.ly/PVUE-Android

Características de ParentVue

- Ver las calificaciones y la asistencia
- Ver los boletines de calificaciones, puntajes de exámenes, cartas de identificación de alto potencial y talento, y otros documentos de la escuela
- Comunicarse con el personal escolar
- Ver el horario del estudiante
- Programar conferencias de padres/maestros
- Presentar solicitudes para cursos del próximo ciclo escolar
- Ver cursos completados para la graduación (historial de cursos)
- Ver el estado de las horas de Aprendizaje Mediante Servicio Estudiantil (Student Service Learning-SSL) obtenidas para la graduación
- Conectarse con myMCPS Classroom (Canvas) para ver el contenido, las asignaciones y los recursos de los cursos
- Actualizar su información de la tarjeta de emergencia
- Ver la información de la escuela, como la dirección, el número de teléfono y el sitio web



Traducir ParentVUE a su idioma preferido



Guía rápida de ParentVUE

⚠️ ¿Cómo puedo activar mi cuenta de ParentVUE?



Usando la carta de activación provista por su escuela:

- Ingrese a <https://md-mcps-psv.edupoint.com>
- Seleccione "I am a parent" (Yo soy padre/madre)
- Haga clic en "Activate Account" (Activar la cuenta)
- Acepte los términos y las condiciones
- Introduzca la información solicitada
- Asegúrese de introducir su nombre y la clave de activación **EXACTAMENTE** como aparece en la carta

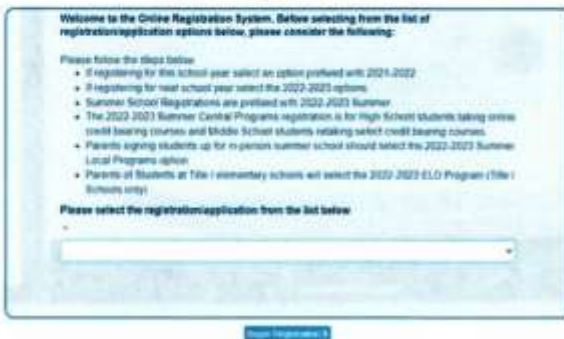


Inscripción en línea



Inscripciones disponibles/Solicitudes (fechas de disponibilidad para cada una vararán):

- Verificación anual
- Inscripción de deportes
- Matriculación de nuevos estudiantes (K, y 1-12)
- Prekindergarten/Headstart
- Academia Virtual
- Programas centrales de verano de las escuelas secundarias
- Programas de verano de Oportunidades para Ampliar el Aprendizaje (Extended Learning Opportunities-ELO)



Recursos adicionales de ParentVUE



¿Son nuevos en MCPS?

¿Nunca ha tenido un hijo matriculado o evaluado en MCPS? Puede crear su propia cuenta de ParentVUE para matricular a su estudiante en el siguiente enlace:

https://md-mcps.edupoint.com/PXP2_OEN_Login.aspx



**JOHN T.
BAKER
MIDDLE
SCHOOL
PTA
SPIRIT
NIGHT**

**WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER
20, 2023
ALL DAY (HOURS
11:30 AM - 9:00 PM)**

**MENTION BAKER PTA
WHEN ORDERING TO
MAKE YOUR ORDER
COUNT!**

**IF ORDERING ONLINE,
ENTER "FUNDRAISER" IN
PROMO CODE SECTION.**



Email: BakerPTA@yahoo.com



JohnTBakerMiddleSchoolPTA

2024-2025
MCPS SCHOOL CALENDAR
Stakeholder Survey

Please use the
QR code below to provide
feedback on the MCPS School
Calendar for 2024-2025



Maryland's Largest School District

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Expanding Opportunity and Unleashing Potential

2024-2025
CALENDARIO ESCOLAR DE MCPS
Encuesta a las partes interesadas

Por favor use el código QR de abajo para enviar comentarios sobre el Calendario Escolar de MCPS para el 2024-2025



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Expanding Opportunity and Unleashing Potential

The Pathway to College, Career and Community Readiness



MCPS created a new guide to help families, students and teachers work together to ensure student success.

The Pathway to College, Career and Community Readiness helps identify students' strengths and areas of improvement to ensure each student receives the support they need.

Here's how it works:

- » The milestones described below will be used to address any learning gaps before students transition to a new grade level, college or the workforce.
- » Parents will receive information about whether their child is meeting or not meeting these specific benchmarks.
- » School staff, students and families will meet together to decide the best way to help the student succeed.
- » In addition to academic benchmarks, schools will also provide opportunities for students to cultivate core competencies and skills to prepare them for life after high school.

(See glossary for more details on assessments mentioned in this document)

Grade 12
GRADUATE WITH 3.0 OR HIGHER GPA

Earn a Certificate of Program Completion/ Industry-recognized Credential

7

Grade 9

ON TRACK FOR GRADUATION

4

Grade 3

READING BY GRADE 3

3

Kindergarten

EARLY LITERACY SKILLS

1

Grade 11

COMPLETE & PASS ALGEBRA II

6

Grade 10

MEET COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS STANDARD

In the Blueprint for Maryland's future



Middle School

GRADES 6, 7, AND 8

MILESTONE: PROFICIENT IN MATH AND ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS

Why is this important?	How is this measured?	What questions can you ask your teacher?
In middle school, students extend the skills they learned in elementary school. The focus is to examine the breadth and depth of their knowledge and skills in literacy and mathematics to ensure students are prepared for high school level work.	In grades 6, 7, and 8, students take tests in Math and Reading called the <i>Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP)</i> test. The tests are given in the Spring. Students should score a 3 or higher.	<p>What specific literacy and math skills are expected of my child at their current grade level?</p> <p>What extra support does the school offer?</p> <p>How can I support my child's literacy and math development at home to ensure they meet or exceed the state standards?</p> <p>What strategies are used to help my child meet the state literacy and math standards?</p>

ASSESSMENTS GLOSSARY

MAP-R - Measures of Academic Progress-Reading (MAP-R) provides an assessment of a student's skill level in the different reading achievement areas. These multiple assessments allow educators to measure academic growth in reading over time.

Lexile - Lexile is a scientifically-based Framework for Reading. The measures give a more precise measure of reading comprehension. A Lexile Reader Measure, used by MCPS, represents a student's reading ability on the Lexile scale.

Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) - The new MCAP tests are designed to assess students on mastery of Maryland's College and Career Readiness standards to ensure that all students are progressing and receiving the necessary support for remediation and enrichment.

El Camino a la preparación universitaria, profesional y comunitaria



MCPS creó una nueva guía para ayudar a las familias, los estudiantes y los maestros a trabajar juntos para asegurar el éxito estudiantil.

El Camino a la preparación universitaria, profesional y comunitaria ayuda a identificar las fortalezas de los estudiantes y las áreas de mejoras para asegurar que cada estudiante reciba el apoyo que necesita.

Funciona de la siguiente manera:

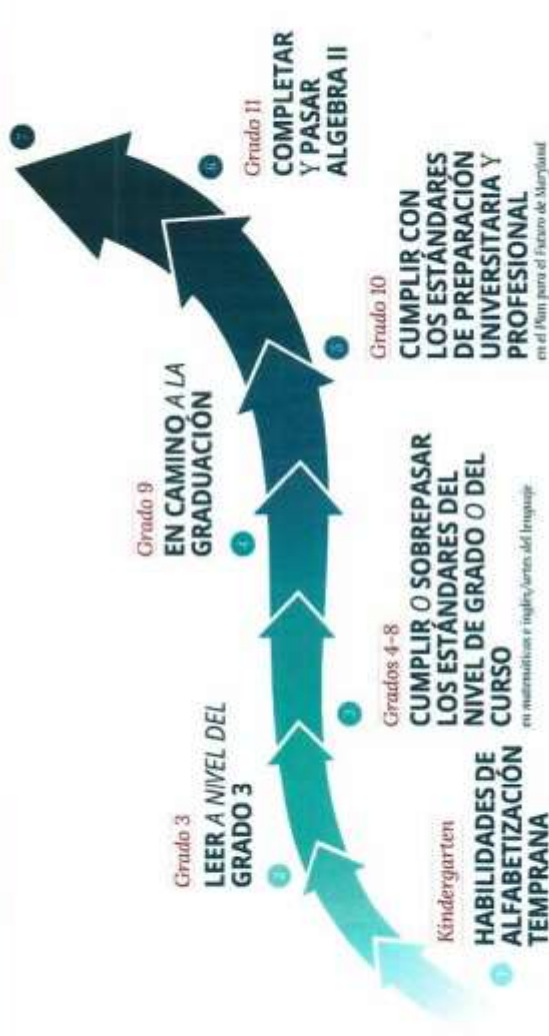
- » Los hitos/indicadores que se describen a continuación se utilizarán para abordar cualquier brecha de aprendizaje antes de que los estudiantes hagan la transición a un nuevo nivel de grado, universidad o fuerza laboral.
- » Los padres recibirán información sobre si su hijo(a) está cumpliendo o no con estos puntos de referencia específicos.
- » El personal de la escuela, los estudiantes y las familias se reunirán para decidir la mejor manera de ayudar al estudiante a tener éxito.
- » Además de los puntos de referencia académicos, las escuelas proporcionarán oportunidades para que los estudiantes cultiven las competencias y habilidades fundamentales para prepararlos a la vida después de la secundaria.

(Vea el glosario para más detalles sobre las evaluaciones mencionadas en este documento)



CAMINO A LA PREPARACIÓN UNIVERSITARIA, PROFESIONAL y COMUNITARIA

**Grado 12
GRADUARSE CON UN PROMEDIO DE 3.0 O MÁS**
Obtener un Certificado de Cumplimiento del Programa/ Credencial reconocida por la industria



Escuela intermedia

GRADOS 6, 7, Y 8

HITO/INDICADOR DOMINIO EN LAS MATEMÁTICAS Y EL INGLÉS/ARTES DEL LENGUAJE

¿Por qué es importante esto?	¿Cómo se mide?	¿Qué preguntas le puede hacer a su maestro?
<p>En la escuela intermedia, los estudiantes extienden las habilidades que aprendieron en la escuela elemental. El enfoque es de examinar</p> <p>la amplitud y la profundidad de sus conocimientos y habilidades en la lectura y en las matemáticas para asegurar que los estudiantes estén preparados para trabajo de nivel de secundaria.</p>	<p>En los grados 6, 7 y 8, los estudiantes toman unos exámenes de matemáticas y de lectura llamados el examen del <i>Programa de Evaluación Integral de Maryland (MCAP, por sus siglas en inglés)</i>.</p> <p>Los exámenes se realizan en la primavera.</p> <p>Los estudiantes deben sacar un puntaje de 3 o más.</p>	<p>¿Qué habilidades específicas de las matemáticas y de la lectura se esperan de mi hijo(a) en su nivel de grado actual?</p> <p>¿Qué apoyo adicional ofrece la escuela?</p> <p>¿Cómo puedo apoyar el desarrollo de las matemáticas y de la lectura de mi hijo(a) en casa para asegurar que cumplan o superen los estándares del estado?</p> <p>¿Qué estrategias usan para ayudar a mi hijo(a) cumplir con los estándares de matemáticas y de lectura del estado?</p>

GLOSARIO DE EVALUACIONES

MAP-R - Las Medidas de Progreso Académico-Lectura (MAP-R, por sus siglas en inglés) proporcionan una evaluación de las habilidades del estudiante en las diferentes áreas de logros en la lectura. Estas evaluaciones múltiples permiten a los educadores medir el crecimiento académico en lectura a lo largo del tiempo.

Lexile- Lexile en un Marco para la Lectura con base científica. Las medidas dan una medida más precisa de la comprensión de la lectura. Una Medida Lexile del Lector, que es lo que usa MCPs, representa la habilidad de lectura del estudiante en una escala Lexile.

El Programa de Evaluación Integral de Maryland (MCAP, por sus siglas en inglés) - Los nuevos exámenes de MCAP están diseñados para evaluar el dominio de los estándares de la Preparación universitaria y profesional de Maryland para asegurar que todos los estudiantes estén progresando y recibiendo el apoyo necesario para el refuerzo y el enriquecimiento.



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Thank you for your support.

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Saturday School Courses

Saturday School provides academic tutoring and instruction with certified teachers in a nurturing and supportive environment. The program is aligned with the Montgomery County Public School (MCPS) curriculum. This support is offered **every Saturday** on the dates and times below.

MCPS students Grades K through 12 may attend after registering for Saturday School for \$85 per year (\$40 for students who receive FARMS).

2023-2024 PROGRAMS SATURDAYS / 8:30 - 11:00 AM

Opening Ceremonies, Registration and Orientation: Sept. 9 (8:30 - 11:00 AM)

Closing Ceremonies: May 4 (8:30 - 11:00 AM)

Courses are available on the following Saturdays:

September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 28; November 4, 11, 18; December 2, 9, 16

January 27; February 3, 10, 24; March 2, 9, 16; April 6, 13, 20, 27

Parent Workshops: November 4, March 2

Center Locations – High Schools:

Clarksburg, Einstein, Gaithersburg, Montgomery Blair, Northwest, Paint Branch, Springbrook, and Wheaton. Virtual options for all grades.

TO REGISTER Please go to our website saturdayschool.org.



Program Highlights

- Grades K through 8 focus on reading, language arts and math
- Grades 9 through 12 focus on core subjects (english and math); support for High School Assessments;
- College and career readiness is emphasized.

Also Offering

- Robotics
- Coding
- Crash Course to College
- SAT/ACT Prep
- Adult Literacy
- Rising Star Pre-K

REGISTER NOW!

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Saturday School Admin Office: 1401 Dennis Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20902
P: 301-287-8980 • saturdayschool.org



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Visit <https://saturdayschool.org/> for further information and to register



Saturday School Courses

La escuela de los sábados proporciona tutoría e instrucción académica con maestros en un entorno virtual enriquecedor y de apoyo. El programa es alineado con el plan de estudios de las Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Montgomery (MCPS). Este apoyo se ofrece todos los sábados en las fechas y horarios que se indican a continuación.

Los estudiantes de MCPS de los grados K a 12 pueden asistir después de inscribirse en Escuela de los sábados por \$ 85 por semestre (\$ 40 para estudiantes que reciben FARMS).

2023-2024 PROGRAMAS VIRTUALES SÁBADOS / 8:30 - 11:00 AM

El curso está disponible los siguientes sábados:

30 de septiembre, 7, 14, 21, 28 de octubre; 4, 11, 18 de noviembre;
2, 9, 16 de diciembre; 27 de enero; 3, 10, 24 de febrero; 2, 9, 16 de marzo;
6, 13, 20, 27 de abril

PARA REGISTRARSE

Por favor visite nuestro sitio web saturdayschool.org.



Aspectos destacados del programa

- Los grados K a 8 se enfocan en lectura, artes del lenguaje y matemáticas
- Los grados 9 a 12 se enfocan en materias básicas (inglés y matemáticas); apoyo para la evaluación de la escuela secundaria;
- Preparación de SAT / ACT
- Se enfatiza la preparación universitaria y profesional.

También Ofreciendo

- Robótica
- Codificación
- Curso intensivo a la universidad
- Preparación para SAT / ACT

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Visite <https://saturdayschool.org/> para obtener más información y registrarse

MONTGOMERY COUNTY RECREATION

HUT HUT HIKE FLAG FOOTBALL



**AGES
6-14**
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\$60

**FALL SEASON
SUNDAYS**

Sept. 24 - Oct. 29 • 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

ACTIVITIES *Pending Inclement Weather

LOCATIONS

R05044 - 101 Pre Season Clinic

Damascus CRC

R05287 - 101 NFL League

Wheaton HS Field

R05287 - 102 NFL League

Damascus CRC



R05287 - 103



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NFL League

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY
Recreation

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