

National “Coming Out Day” and the “Day of Silence” In Montgomery County

- These Montgomery County Schools already recognize the “Day of Silence”, a day where students are encouraged to not speak all day in protest of discrimination of gays. The Day of Silence typically takes place in April, and is accompanied by pro-gay activities throughout the school. For more information, visit www.notourkids.com.

CHARLES E. SMITH JEWISH DAY SCHOOL
DAMASCUS HIGH SCHOOL
HOLTON-ARMS SCHOOL
MONTGOMERY BLAIR HIGH SCHOOL
QUINCE ORCHARD HIGH SCHOOL
SANDY SPRINGS FRIENDS SCHOOL
SHERWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
ST ANDREWS EPISCOPAL SCHOOL
THORNTON FRIENDS SCHOOL
WATKINS MILL HIGH

COL. ZADOK A. MAGRUDER HIGH SCHOOL
GAITHERSBURG HIGH SCHOOL
JAMES HUBERT BLAKE HIGH SCHOOL
POOLESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
RICHARD MONTGOMERY HIGH SCHOOL
SENECA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
SPRINGBROOK HIGH SCHOOL
THOMAS S. WOOTTON HIGH SCHOOL
WALT WHITMAN HIGH SCHOOL
WINSTON CHURCHILL HIGH SCHOOL

- “National Coming Out Day” is October 11th. The event is recognized over the high school intercom with an announcement in the morning. Last year at least one Montgomery County school had high school students “come out” over the intercom. www.365gay.com boasts *“In the 1980s the average gay came out in college. Today it is in high school, and gay-straight alliances are springing up in high schools across the country. In 1997 there were 100 high school gay and lesbian groups. Now, there are more than 3,000 across the country in communities large and small.”*