

Biker and Pedestrian Safety on Butterfield

Many of you have probably noticed that more kids than ever are riding their bikes after school (great physical release after a day of zoom!) and we're anticipating more bikes on the road (around 3:30pm) when swim team starts in early April. That said, it's critical that drivers pay special attention when driving up and down Butterfield road and it's also critical that children/bikers and walkers must be vigilant. Adults and children alike must remember that being **aware**, **defensive**, and **cautious** around cars anywhere is very important.

Drivers, please keep the following in mind as you commute, run errands, or drop kids off at activities. Also, please review these rules with your TEEN drivers.

- Even if you are running late, drive at, or below, the posted Speed Limit of 30 mph (25 mph or less in school zones).
- When passing humans and animals along the side of the road or visibility is difficult, due to shadows, dusk, etc., slow to 15 mph.
- When a yellow school bus extends their red stop sign, you must stop - even if you are on the opposite side of the road.
- Leave early, just 5 minutes, so you are not in a hurry and tempted to speed.
- Keep your **EYES UP (and off your phone!)**



Please take time to speak with your kids about street safety. Some highlights include:

- Just because they are in the crosswalk vehicles will not always stop. The driver may be distracted and not see you- Stay Alert!
- Waving a bright orange flags in the air does not guarantee safety. They are a tool to get the drivers attention.
- Always make eye contact with the driver to confirm he/she sees you and is stopping before stepping out into the street.
- Do not dart across Butterfield, even if there isn't a car in sight! Use a designated crosswalk.
- Avoid swerving in and out of bike lane. We know that there are often cars/trucks blocking the bike lane. Best to stop, get off your bike, and walk it around the vehicle after making sure the road is clear.

How to get involved?

If you're interested in making Butterfield Road a safer street for us all to travel on, especially our kids, please join us for our spring Safe Streets meeting on April 14th at 11am. Zoom link on our webpage at www.shha.org/Safe-Streets. Thank you!

Butterfield Corridor Safe Streets Committee