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Student Drop Off/Pick Up - Expectations for Families

Dear Families,

The safety of our students is very important to us. Our school board's planning department has done a lot of work to ensure that our parking lot is as efficient and safe as possible. We appreciate when families are able to make arrangements to have their children walk to school and recognize that for some, this is not always possible. Please see the park and walk map for alternatives to using our parking lot. We highly recommend families to park on side streets and walk their children to school. In order for us to ensure that our student drop off and pick up runs smoothly and is safe, all drivers must follow the expectations outlined below.

The student Drop Off/Pick Up areas of our parking lot are marked on the attached map. They are not to be used to park your vehicles. If you need to park, you may use any available spaces in our parking lot or on one of the side streets near the school. **Parents are not to park and leave their cars in the parking lot when dropping off and picking up their child(ren) at the beginning and end of the day.** When cars park in the student Drop Off/Pick Up areas, it results in a great deal of congestion and makes it extremely unsafe for our students. Also, the bus loop at the front of the school is for buses only and is not to be used as a pick up or drop off area at any time. If we are going to continue to use the student Drop Off/Pick Up, all of us must follow the expectations.

If you are dropping your child off in the morning and wish to use the student Drop Off areas, children must exit the car on the curb side and drivers are not to leave the cars for any reason. This is a Student Drop Off area only. If you are picking your child up at the end of the day, please park on one of the streets adjacent to the school and fall all of the postage signage. You may wish to create a meeting spot with your child. Kindergarten students must be picked up at the gate.

To summarize, in an effort to make the Student Drop Off/Pick Up area as orderly and safe as possible, the following rules must be followed:

- 1) Obey all road rules, speed limits and signage
- 2) Pull as far forward as possible in the marked Student Pick Up/Drop Off area (see map)
- 3) DO NOT exit your vehicle while in the Student Pick Up/Drop Off Area
- 4) Be sure to have your child exit/enter the vehicle from the curb side. We will have a student Safety Patrol team available to walk younger students around to the back of the school and Kindergarten.
- 5) Only use marked walkways on school property and cross roads only at stop signs
- 6) If there is no space in the Student Drop Off/Pick Up areas, please circle around the parking lot slowly until space becomes available – CHILDREN ARE NOT TO CROSS IN FRONT OF CARS WAITING IN THE STUDENT DROP OFF/PICK UP AREAS TO GET TO THE CAR
- 7) Use designated parking areas only
- 8) Traffic must flow in designated areas marked 'One Way' (i.e., there is to be no parking in these areas)

We continue to work with all students, parents and drivers to ensure everyone is aware of the expectations with respect to student drop off and pick up. Our goal is to ensure that our communication is clear and concise so as to provide a safe arrival and dismissal for our students.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school. As always, we need to work together in order for this to be successful.

Sincerely,

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