

Traffic Safety & Drop Off LOOP Entering & Exiting the School Parking Lot

Good afternoon Parents/Guardians,

As we begin a new school year, we wish to thank all drivers in advance for driving with great caution near the school and for diligently following all our safety reminders and signs. At this time, we would like to share a few friendly reminders:

End of Day Dismissal:

As always, at the end of the day no vehicles are to enter the school parking lot (unless you have an accessible parking pass visibly displayed). As you know, we have children leaving the school grounds and school buses entering to pick up children in the drop off zone / bus loop which makes for a very busy area – far too busy for vehicles to be going in and out of the school parking lot. This would create a safety hazard for our students and community. We ask parents who drive/accompany their children to school to continue to park their cars in a safe location and use sidewalks and walking paths when entering the school grounds.

In the Morning: Should you decide to use the bus loop/drop off zone in front of the school, it is understood that you cannot park your car or leave it unattended at any time. Students in grades 1 to 8 who use this loop will then make their own way inside through the front doors of the school using the sidewalk/path (direct entry between 8:35 to 8:50 for grades 1-8). Kindergarten students will meet in the fenced-in Kindergarten area at the South side of the school between 8:35 and 8:50 and will enter the school through the Kindergarten doors when the bell rings at 8:50 am. If using the bus loop/drop off zone, **please do not pass vehicles or busses that are unloading students as this poses a serious safety concern.** Treat the drop off loop like a “drive thru”. Please move your vehicle as close as you can to the stop sign, rather than stopping in front of the doors when unloading your child **even if there are no cars in front of you.** **Kindly keep goodbyes very brief.** This will help prevent any backlog of vehicles that spill onto the street waiting to come in. Kindly remember to be patient as the loop can be busy at times.

As a safety reminder, students/pedestrians must not cut through the parking lot at any time as this is unsafe. Rather, you are asked to use the sidewalks and walking paths, whenever possible.

Drivers are reminded to continue to be very vigilant and cautious of students who are crossing the sidewalk on either side of the loop and to obey all traffic/safety signs clearly displayed as well as the STOP sign which is located at the end of the loop. We need your collective cooperation to make student safety **a priority. Together we can continue making our wonderful school community safe for everyone.**

Our sincere thanks to all for your continued cooperation and support. Thank you!

Yours in Catholic Education,

R. Gravina,

Principal.

