

TRAFFIC SAFETY!

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With the increased number of students and cars, dropping off and picking up children continues to present challenges. **For Safety's Sake:** Please read and abide by the following Traffic Rules. They are all important.

1. In the **mornings**, please **do not wait in the loop with your children in your vehicle, and do not park in the loop**. This increases congestion and encourages other parents to double park to drop off their children. Please note the following:
 - a) On very cold or rainy days, the **High School Building will be open from 8:00 to 8:20** for all children to get out of the weather. A staff member will be on duty to supervise.
 - b) On most days, **children should be able to wait outside for a few minutes**. Teachers are out of the Admin building around 8:20-25.
2. In the **afternoons**, please **do not leave your vehicle unattended while in the loop**. (Standing on the sidewalk for fellowship is encouraged!) However, **if your children do not arrive by 3:35, please move along** and allow others to pick up their children. If you need to go into a building, please park in the lots by the church.
3. **Never double park** to drop off or pick up students.
 - a) It is unsafe as students must walk between parked cars (cars which could back up or pull forward at any time) to get into these vehicles.
 - b) It stops other traffic from moving and generally slows the process.
4. **Do not park in the staff parking areas or behind the staff vehicles or in the fire lane to the High School Building**. (Staff parking extends on the east side of the church to the **south** corner of the building.)
 - a) Students must then cross at the wrong places to get into these vehicles.
 - b) Having cars merge from both sides creates more risk of accidents between vehicles and more risk to children who might not be where they should be.
 - c) Sometimes teachers leaving early for an appointment or sports activity have been blocked in.
 - d) Blocking a fire lane is against the law.
5. **Do not park on the left side of the drive at any point, including between the tarmac and drive**.
 - a) It is safer for students not to cross between parked cars.
 - b) Have your children walk from the last building to your car on the right side of the driveway and cars.
6. **Do not park in the four parking spaces directly in front of the church** (two on each side of the entrance.)
7. **All students are to walk to vehicles on the sidewalks staying to the outside of the loop. Pedestrians have the right of way! Students waiting in front of the church should stay on the sidewalk, not on the step** in front of the **doors**, and **not** on the grass in front of the church or in the ditches by the road.
 - a) Children coming from multiple directions increase the risk.
 - b) Park far enough back from church sidewalk so people have room to walk on the sidewalk.
8. Students, especially elementary ones, should get into their vehicles **and stay there**.
9. Students may **not** use the tarmac before **or** after school as it is needed for parking.
10. **Please pick up students NO LATER THAN 3:45 (2:45 Fridays)**. We will ask them to return to the areas around portables at 3:45 for their safety and to avoid problems with students in front of the church.

PLEASE RESPECT THE DIRECTIONS OF THE TEACHER ON DUTY. OUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY (NOT OUR CONVENIENCE) IS PARAMOUNT. Thank you for your attention to this! Please ensure that any friends or relatives who are driving for you have been made aware of these concerns also.