



EASTSIDE CATHOLIC

Traffic Flow, Safety and Parking Policy

We appreciate your cooperation and support with our parking and traffic flow policies on campus to maximize efficiency and safety for our community. Please be respectful and follow the instructions of our traffic guides to help keep traffic moving smoothly and safely. We ask all students, parents, guardians, faculty and staff driving to school to please follow the general “courtesy of the road” rules while on campus.

DRIVEWAY ENTRY: USE BOTH LANES

- Two entry lanes into our campus are marked with white plastic lane dividers.
- **Vehicles turning right from 228th:** Remain in the right-hand entry lane until the lanes merge into one.
- **Vehicles entering the left entry lane:** Remain in this lane and merge at the marked driveway merge point.

PARKING LOT DESIGNATIONS

- **NORTH LOT** (located on the left side as you enter campus)
 - This lot is primarily used for **SENIORS** and **RESERVED AUCTION** parking.
 - Drivers arriving during peak hours **MUST** proceed past both parking lots, drive around the flagpole traffic circle in the inside lane and then turn right into the North parking lot (as indicated by the **green** arrows on map).
 - At the end of the school day, vehicles can exit the North parking lot with a right-hand turn.
 - **Reserved Auction Parking**
 - These stalls have been paid for by families making generous donations to the school and are reserved 24 hours per day, 7 days a week, 365 days per year.
 - These stalls are **NOT** to be used by **ANYONE** at **ANY TIME** other than the family that has “purchased” that space. This restriction includes pulling in for just a minute or two.
 - All families have an opportunity to bid on one of these stalls during the auction season.
- **SOUTH LOT** (located on the right side as you enter campus)
 - This lot is primarily used for **STUDENT, EMPLOYEE and VISITOR** parking, with the first two rows, nearest the bridge, reserved for faculty and staff.
 - Volunteers and visitors should park in the designated Visitor stalls.
 - Visitors should register their vehicle at the Front Desk while onsite during school hours. Anyone parked illegally in the Visitor parking stalls during the day will be subject to fines.
 - When exiting the South parking lot during peak hours, all drivers must turn right out of the parking lot and drive around the inside lane of the flagpole circle to exit campus (as indicated by **red** arrows on map).
- **ADA** (Americans with Disabilities Act) **PARKING** and **FIRE LANES**
 - ADA stalls are reserved for vehicles with State-issued placards or ADA license plates **ONLY**; these stalls are located near the schoolhouse.
 - Parking your vehicle in one of these stalls can make it impossible for a disabled person to attend events at EC. Please respect others and refrain from making choices more convenient for you at the expense of others.
 - Designated Fire Lanes are indicated by **red** curbing, and “*Fire Lane No Parking*” stencils. Any area not marked as a parking stall must be left clear for emergency and commercial vehicles.
 - Eastside Catholic is required to keep ADA and fire lane areas clear at all times. We are also responsible for maintaining these areas and reporting violations to the Sammamish Police.
 - Please note that if you violate ADA or Fire Lane restrictions, you will be subject to a **\$250 ticket and possible towing and impounding** of your vehicle **at your expense**. Our staff and Security officers will call for police support for parking violations.

- **RESERVED VISITOR STALLS** (located near the schoolhouse) and **UPPER TRAFFIC CIRCLE**:
 - These are reserved 24/7, 365 days per year.
 - **No student-athlete, parent, coach or visitor parking is allowed at the upper traffic circle.** All athletes and coaches **MUST** park in the lower lots and walk up to the school.

PEAK TRAFFIC HOURS - 7:30 – 9 A.M. AND 2:30 – 3:30 P.M. – **(NO LEFT TURNS ALLOWED)**

- Left turns are NOT allowed (either into or out of the parking lots) during peak hours.
- Only right-hand turns are permitted when exiting or entering parking lots (see map).
- **Please do not cut around the lane dividers for safety and traffic flow reasons.**

PARKING PERMITS

- All students who drive to and park at school must apply for a permit first. Students must register their vehicle and submit the permit fee to be awarded a parking spot.
- Parking priority is given to seniors; only one parking pass is awarded to each student or each family.
- Parking passes can be purchased online and picked up from the Attendance Office.

OTHER IMPORTANT PARKING NOTES

- **Vehicles Should NOT Cross the Bridge**
 - Parking stalls near the schoolhouse are **RESERVED** parking ONLY.
 - All parents, students, athletes and coaches should only drive across the bridge if a parking spot has been reserved for their use in **ADVANCE**.
- **Only Park in Designated Areas**
 - Parking anywhere on campus outside of an indicated stall is prohibited.
 - Parking and stopping in designated fire lanes or reserved for emergency access is prohibited, even if someone remains inside your vehicle.
 - Improperly parked vehicles are subject to ticketing, towing and impounding at the owner's expense.
- **Student Drop-off/Pick-up**
 - Pull to the curb lane when dropping off students.
 - Drivers should remain in the vehicle.
 - All students **MUST** exit the vehicle on the curb side.
 - The inner lane around the flagpole circle must be kept clear for through traffic.
 - Please drive slowly and carefully and be aware of the foot traffic around you.
 - Waiting for Students
 - Please wait for students in the parking lots or at the flagpole traffic circle.
 - Vehicles are not permitted to wait in reserved stalls, service areas, ADA stalls or fire lanes.
- **No Cell Phones**
 - Talking or texting while driving is a primary offense in Washington, meaning you can be ticketed for that alone.
 - Please, for the safety of our community, respect the cell phone law on our campus and wait to use your phone until you bring your vehicle to a complete stop.
- **No Idle Zone**
 - Our school parking lot is a "No Idle Zone." While waiting to pick up your student in the traffic circle or parking lot, please turn off your vehicle engine if waiting longer than 10 seconds.
 - If idling for temperature control, please restrict it to no more than 5 minutes to reduce pollutants and our students' exposure to them.
- **New Student Drivers**
 - If you have a student learning to drive, please do not switch drivers anywhere on the driveway. Please use the South parking lot for this activity as that is the safest place for the driver and passenger to exit the vehicle.
 - If your student needs to unload a backpack, project or other items from the vehicle, please pull into the South parking lot so that the traffic flow is not disrupted in the drop-off lane.

- **Heavy/Bulky Item Delivery**

- Please use the loading dock (20 minutes maximum) for the delivery at any time. You must move your vehicle to the main parking lot once you have unloaded your items.

PARKING FINES

- ADA violation: \$250
- Fire Lane Violation: \$250
- Reserved spot violation: up to \$300
- Please note that compound infractions may increase the cost of tickets.

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