

**Dear GCAHS Students and Families,**

Due to the landlocked location of the high school, parent drop-off and pick-up present challenges and safety concerns during morning arrival and afternoon dismissal. The reconfiguration of the high school's front parking lot a few years ago, along with the updated traffic pattern, has greatly improved the efficiency and safety of these processes. We greatly appreciate your cooperation in following these procedures. In general, the reconfiguration and adherence to the guidelines have ensured smooth traffic flow during arrival times. However, there has been some congestion on Highland Avenue during dismissal, which increases when procedures for both the front and back of the school are not followed.

We understand that the high school's location and traffic during dismissal at 3:00 pm can be challenging, but safety is our top priority. To avoid potential fender benders, ensure pedestrian safety, and eliminate issues with buses exiting the parking lot due to congestion from vehicles turning off Main Street, we kindly request that all families follow the designated parent pick-up procedures. Please refrain from using the Main Street (Auxiliary Gym) parking lot for drop-off or pick-up between 7:30 am - 8:30 am and 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm. This lot is designated exclusively for buses transporting students with special needs, staff parking, and for students who are temporarily not fully ambulatory. Additionally, student-athletes should not access this lot until after 3:30 pm. The designated student pick-up location is the YMCA Early Education Center, which has been established for student safety and to help mitigate traffic and potential accidents.

We also want to reiterate that, as a courtesy to our neighbors, parents and guardians should refrain from picking up their children at nearby businesses such as Ace Hardware, Dairy Queen, and Flynn's Tire. These lots are private property and should not be used for parent pick-up.

We acknowledge that the location of the high school and the flow of morning and afternoon traffic around the building and along Grove City's main thoroughfares is not ideal for parent drop-off and pick-up. We ask for your continued patience and cooperation as we work together to ensure the safety of all students. Your adherence to these guidelines is crucial for maintaining smooth traffic flow and preventing accidents.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

**Sincerely,**

Brendan C. Smith, D.Ed.  
Principal