



Palmerton Area Junior High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

I hope you are all having an amazing summer thus far. As I am sure you are aware, we have a lot happening at the junior and senior high campus this summer. Construction has begun and will remain in full swing throughout the school year. While this ongoing construction at our secondary campus does not impact the junior high building directly, it is impacting our parking lots, forcing us to make some major adjustments to our student drop-off and pick-up procedures for this school year.

I am sending this special message to update you on these new procedures. I will be reminding our families and students of these and other construction related items periodically throughout the rest of the summer and school year. **Please read this communication carefully as it is very important to ensure the safety of everyone during our student drop-off and pick-up times.**

Due to the ongoing construction at our secondary campus that is impacting our parking lots, **drop-off and pick-up for both Junior and Senior High students will take place in the Junior High parking lot this school year.** The procedures outlined below will take effect on **August 24, 2026**, the first day of school for students.

For morning drop-offs (before 7:30 AM), students should be let out of their vehicle outside of the junior high entrance and should then walk through the junior high courtyard and enter the building in the connecting corridor between the high school and junior high. In order to keep traffic moving, please exit the parking lot as soon as possible after dropping off your child(ren).

For late arrivals (after 7:30 AM), junior high students can be dropped off in front of the junior high main entrance and enter the junior high main office doors to receive their late pass.

For after school pick-ups, both junior and senior high students will travel to the sidewalk outside the junior high main entrance and should be picked up at that location.

A diagram of the new traffic flow pattern and designated student drop-off/pick-up location is included below.

This letter and diagram are also posted on the Junior High website. Please review the traffic pattern and procedures before the first day of school so you are familiar with the updated process. For student safety, please do not drop off or pick up your child anywhere else in the parking lot. Students should only enter or exit vehicles in front of the Junior High main entrance. This helps prevent students from walking through active traffic areas.



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Also, if it is at all possible, we are asking parents/guardians to drop-off and/or pick-up their child(ren) at the bottom of the catwalk in order to reduce the volume of traffic in our parking lots and on Fireline Road. We also encourage students to take the bus to and from school, if possible, as this will also reduce the volume of traffic and ensure that they get to school on time.

We understand that this procedure is a change from what we have done in the past and may not be ideal, but it is the best we can do considering the circumstances surrounding our ongoing construction. We are asking for your continued cooperation, patience, understanding, and compliance with this new procedure as we are aiming to provide the safest environment for our students, parents, and employees.

Sincerely,

David Sodl
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