

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. As I have stated many times in the SMORES newsletter, this project will require some major adjustments to ensure the safety of everyone and provide adequate parking for our staff.

I am sending this special communication 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 remainder of the summer and school year. Please read this communication carefully, as it is very important to ensure the safety of everyone during student drop-off and pick-up times.

Due to the ongoing construction at our secondary campus, which is impacting our parking lots, drop-off and pick-up procedures for both Junior and Senior High students will take place primarily in the Junior High parking lot this school year. Because traffic patterns change based on arrival time, please carefully review the procedures below. These procedures will take effect on August 24, 2026, the first day of school for students.

For morning drop-offs (before 7:20 AM):

Students should be dropped off outside of the High School entrance and enter through the High School lobby. In order to keep traffic moving, please exit the bus lane as soon as possible after dropping off your child(ren).

For arrivals between 7:20 and 7:30 AM:

Senior High students may be dropped off in front of the Junior High entrance and then walk through the Junior High courtyard to enter the building through 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):

High School students may be dropped off in front of the High School main entrance and must enter through the High School main office doors to receive their late pass. For more information regarding our tardiness procedure, please see page 13 of the Student Handbook.

For after-school pick-up:

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 High School 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 follow the designated drop-off and pick-up locations outlined above based on the time your child arrives or departs school. Students should only enter or exit vehicles in the designated areas during the specified times. This will help prevent students from walking through active traffic areas and ensure a safer process for everyone.

Additionally, if 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 whenever possible, as this will help reduce traffic volume and ensure students arrive at school on time.

We understand that these procedures are a change from what we have done in the past and may not be ideal; however, this is the best solution considering the circumstances surrounding our ongoing construction. We are asking for your continued cooperation, patience, understanding, and compliance with these procedures as we work to provide the safest environment possible for our students, parents, and employees.

Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation as we navigate these necessary changes.

Sincerely,

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