

Dear Families,

Since the number of office dismissals for grades K-8 has decreased we will switch to dismissing all K-8 office dismissals at door #1 beginning Monday, October 2nd.

The bus supervisor has brought a concern to our attention of vehicles passing school buses while they are in our parking lot picking up our children. Please pay particular attention to the traffic flow during pick-up and dismissal.

Entry to the school lot should be made via the driveway along the soccer field/playground. During morning drop off and afternoon pick up there should be no private vehicles entering through the church parking lot.

If needed, the road that runs through the cemetery in front of the Mausoleum can be used for exiting the campus but this is NOT an entrance. It is a one-way road.

We also need to emphasize the importance of watching the speed at which we drive when traveling through the parking lot noting the large amount of foot traffic by not only our students but our parish population.

The bus supervisor has asked us to pass along this important information: Passing Stopped School Buses Legislation that amends the Vehicle and Traffic Law in relation to overtaking and passing a school bus is in effect. The amendment expands the term “public highway” to include any area used:

**a)** For parking of motor vehicles;

**b)** As a driveway located on the grounds of a school or a Board of Cooperative Educational Services facility;

**c)** As a means of access to and egress from such school or facility.

Therefore, when a bus is stopped on school property to receive or discharge students and the red lights are flashing, it is unlawful to pass that bus. The penalty will be the same as a highway violation. First offenders will face a fine of \$250 to \$400, five (5) points, and possible imprisonment of up to 30 days.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our children safe!

Mrs. Lynn Ortiz  
Principal

