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Saint John XXIII

Thursday, October 13, 2016

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

Traffic iOS update 16.2! Yet again, just like Apple with all of their updates, we are updating the traffic plan for our school. And just like any new Apple iOS update: you'll probably hate it at first, complain that you want the old one back, be upset that none of your old stuff works with the new one, and eventually realize it's here to stay and look with dread for the next update!

The [new plan is linked here](#) as well as shown below and WILL BEGIN TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH WHEN WE RETURN FROM THE WEEKEND BREAK! The hope is that it will ease some of the traffic on 60th street during pick-up. The major changes have been highlighted on the two pages to point out the differences. The biggest change is that we have added a second lane to part of the drive through to assist those coming southbound on 60th street with turning into the lot and not backing up traffic. This was not possible in years past prior to the new church construction, but now is possible with the wider drive through lane. That lane will merge with the current lane at the back corner of the new church building for one lane through the pick-up zone. This should allow us to stack approximately 16-17 additional cars off of the street and ease overflow, which we have found seems to occur between 2:53pm-2:58pm each day when we back up approximately 7-8 cars onto the street.

While this is the only piece the police and City of Phoenix have felt

could be done differently than what we have in the plan already, it does not really address the issues the police have highlighted the past few weeks as where their issues lie. Some other helpful reminders that will address their issues and assist in this plan working better for everyone are:

- Follow the rules of the road when on the neighborhood surface streets: don't speed in the school zone, don't pass in a school zone, don't ever drive in the shoulder or bike lane, yield to pedestrians, don't drive over the sidewalk/curb or neighbors driveways, don't park in the shoulder or bike lane, and watch for kids crossing in the crosswalks.
- If the drive-through lane is full when you get to the entrance, please either continue driving around the neighborhood until it clears, or just enter the Kings Avenue entrance and park. DO NOT stay in your car blocking traffic on 60th street as you wait for an opening in the line to pull into the lot.
- Don't come in the drive-through line too early and try to park along the side of the new church building as you will now no longer have space with two lanes to back-in to or out of parking spaces.
- Arrive to the lot no earlier than the time the bell dismisses students. They will not be leaving their room until that time and coming early will only have you sent through the line again if we are still waiting for them to walk down from class, cross the drive-through lane and get into the staging area before the lane is opened for traffic again.
- PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE share a Kum-ba-yah moment with the other families at the new merge point in the lot! If we

alternate one car per side, and don't take the turn like a rally car driver, it will go smoothly.

- Please share this plan with EVERYONE that could be potentially picking up or dropping off your student so that no one is confused on the process. This is usually where frustration shows with families and where patience wears a bit thin.
- Remember; it could ALWAYS be worse and we do not wake up each morning trying to come up with ways to make this more difficult for all of you and by transitive property, all of us. We're in this together and the number one priority is keeping the kids on the street and in the parking lot safe; then we can focus on the number two priority of getting you in and out of here quickly and conveniently.

God Bless,
Preston Colao
Principal

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REVISED Student DROP-OFF & PICK-UP Directions & Map – OCTOBER 2016

Drive-Through Drop-Off and Pick-Up:

1. Parents enter through north 60th Street entrance and follow line around the back of church. *Parents coming from the north must enter the left drive through lane and those from the south must enter the right drop off lane. The lanes will merge on the property to stack cars off the public street.*
2. **DO NOT DRIVE IN THE BIKE LANE OR SHOULDER IF COMING FROM THE SOUTH AND NEVER ENTER THE SCHOOL ZONE FROM EITHER DIRECTIONS!!! These violate the law and may result in a citation from the Phoenix Police Department.**
3. Students will exit driver side of car and enter through two school courtyard gates without crossing the street.
4. Parents exit through south 60th Street exit and may turn left or right (there are two designations).

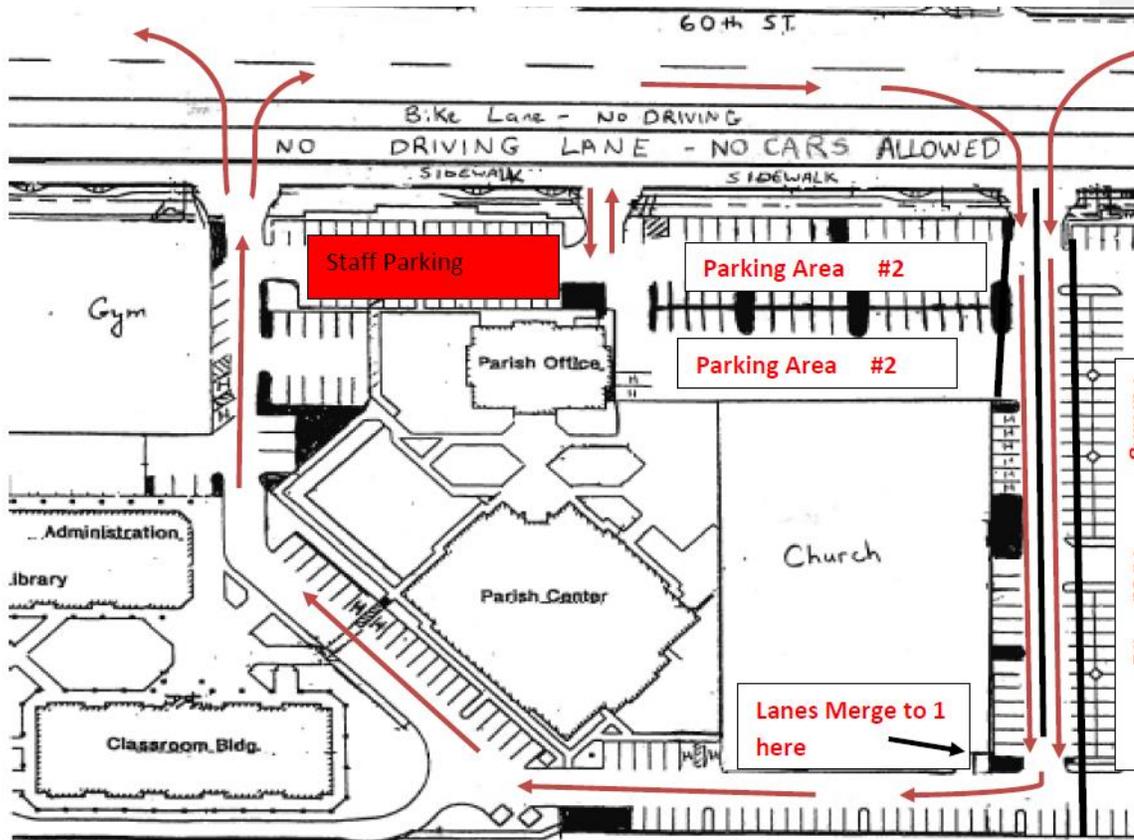
Park and Walk Over Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up:

Parking Area 1

1. Parents enter through new Kings Avenue entrance on the north side of the Parish parking lot and park in the available north parking spaces.
2. Students must be walked by an adult at all times through the school/parish parking lot.
3. Following drop-off/pick-up, parent cars must exit through the same Kings Avenue entrance and park in the lot on the north side of the Parish parking lot.

Parking Area 2

1. Parents enter through middle 60th St. entrance on the west side of the Parish and park in the available west parking spaces.
2. Students must be walked by an adult at all times through the school/parish parking lot.
3. Following drop-off/pick-up, parent cars must exit through the same middle 60th st. entrance and park in the lot on the west side of the campus.



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Student PICK-UP Directions & Map

Dismissal Times will be staggered:

Monday-Thursday: Friday:

K-2nd grades - 2:40 p.m. K-2nd grades - 12:20 p.m.

3rd-5th grades - 2:50 p.m. 3rd-5th grades - 12:30 p.m.

6th-8th grades – 3:05 p.m. 6th-8th grades – 12:40 p.m.

Parents should not arrive earlier than the listed pick-up time.

Circulation will follow the same pattern as the morning drop-off with the addition of a passing lane to help minimize the queue of vehicles within the Parish and school property. Parents should place their last name placard on their lowered, driver's side windshield visor in clear view for supervising faculty. These were provided by the school at

orientation; if you need more please contact the office.

Multiple Students and Carpools

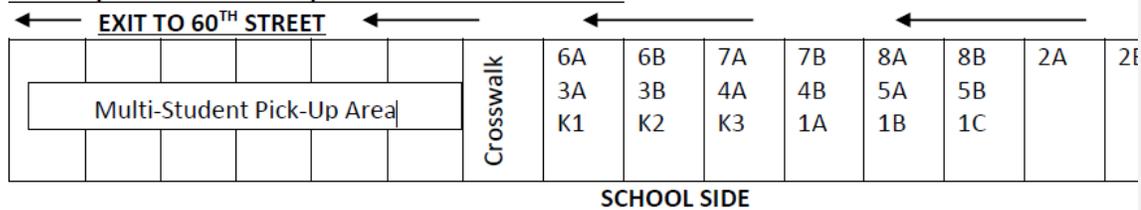
For parents with multiple children attending the school, or traveling in carpools, the pick-up time will be that of the oldest child in the carpool. Younger children in the carpool will be supervised within the Parish Center until the older has been dismissed. As the older student arrives, all students in each carpool will proceed to the carpool pick-up area in the "Multi-student pick-up area." Students will then enter the vehicle on the passenger side and parents will exit via the south 60th street exit. Example: If you have a 1st grader and an 8th grader, the 1st grader will be taken to the Parish Center for supervision at 2:40 p.m. until the 8th grader is dismissed. At 3:05 p.m., the 8th graders will be escorted to the pick-up area to get the 1st grader and both will proceed to the "multi-student pick-up area" for supervised pick-up at that time.

Walkers

To ensure the safety of students walking home from school with the new pick-up procedures, and vehicles moving through the parking lot, all walkers, regardless of age, will be taken to the Parish Center holding area and will be dismissed to walk home at 3:15 p.m. once traffic has slowed through the lot and on all neighborhood streets. Parking on public and residential streets during pick-up and drop-off hours is strictly prohibited and must not happen. We ask that you not park in front of the gym either, as the shoulder is not truly meant for parking and you run the risk of being ticketed for parking in the bike lane if any part of your car touches the bike lane or its lines. The relationship between the school and neighborhood is important to the successful operation of the school and church each year. A series of steps have been established to

ensure that parents adhere to this rule throughout the school year. All homes along Sandra Terrace, Grandview Road and Kings Avenue have been provided with a direct phone number to report parking violations. Neighbors have been given a written list of key information to provide when reporting a parking violation so that the offending party can be determined. This has led to the Phoenix Police Department coming to the area to ticket when offenses are called in by the neighbors.

Close-Up of Student Pick Up Area with Class Locations:



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