

Dear Parents,

First, I want to thank you for helping us with having your children get out on the driver's side of the vehicle. I realize that this isn't possible with everyone for various reasons, but for those of you that have made the adjustment because you could, I want to say thank you. All of our rules have a reason and purpose behind them, and safety is always our number one concern for our students and staff.

On Wednesday, August 23, we will begin a new pickup plan FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS. Last year, when we started this route using the subdivision down the road, we thought that it would be just for a few weeks, but it lasted longer than we anticipated. We were able to hire some off-duty officers to help direct traffic and try to keep everyone off of White Road. The church helped us tremendously with the cost of this since it wasn't written into our budget, even though it wasn't written into theirs either. Due to the cost, we wanted to look at an alternate plan that may run without the use of the officers this year. We think we have come up with something, but we will need your help with a few details to make it run smoothly.

Like now, we will fill the circle drive first. However, some of you are getting here around 2:00, which is blocking our church staff and delivery drivers that need to get in and out. If possible, please do not start lining up until after 2:30. Our dismissal starts promptly at 2:45. The overflow will still be through the subdivision, down the road, but instead of stopping at the stop sign, we will have cars line up from the entrance to the circle drive to take a left into the pick-up area. If there is a line of cars trying to take a left, please do not try to take a right into the drive and cut in front of those vehicles. Continue heading east on White Rd. and loop around Agape and Faithwalk, like we have done in the past to get at the end of the line. We will have one officer helping us from Wednesday to Friday to get the new routine down. It is a slight adjustment, so it shouldn't take much for us to learn the new procedure. There is a map on the website if you are confused about the route.

When I think about other area schools and the time that it takes for them to dismiss, I am thankful that ours is so simple. It takes about 20 minutes for all of our elementary students to be dismissed. This really isn't very long compared to other schools. And the dismissal route is just for a season. As soon as the church is able to move forward with more parking on the grounds, we hope to be able to get everyone off of the road. Until then, we will make the best of our situation, hoping everyone will be kind and courteous.

Please keep in mind that there may be church staff that will need to get in and out, but they will not stay in the line. They will go directly to the back and park. One of our officers has had complaints when she has allowed people to turn in, but she is aware of those that work for the church and allows them to turn in because they aren't actually "in-line." The teachers and I will try to monitor any issues that may come up with anyone that may fail to follow the rules and address them as needed, but I'm hoping that this will run smoothly so that there won't be anything to address, and I won't have to call anyone into the principal's office. ☺

What a wonderful beginning to the new school year. You are such a wonderful group of parents, and it is such a blessing to walk alongside you with training your children. Please make sure and share these instructions with others that may be picking them up.

Love in Christ,

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