



Dear Parents and Caregivers:

First, Welcome Back! We know that you are all excited as we are that school is back in session. In addition, businesses are opening up requiring parents and caregivers to go back to work, and therefore, more motorists on the road. We want to assure you that safety and the welfare of your child and all students is our biggest priority.

We would like to take this opportunity to share some [back to school traffic safety reminders](#) for both dropping off and picking up students at school as well as bicycle safety tips for your children, which are also relevant for adults!

As you have noticed, there are more and more vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians on the road. We have received safety concerns regarding students being dropped off and picked up at schools, students biking to school, and non-adherence to signs and crosswalks.

While we know school zones can be tricky to navigate due to congestion, we are providing these safety tips and traffic reminders to help prevent potential hazards and to possibly avoid collisions, and avoid traffic violations.

1. [School Drop off/Pick up](#): Please obey all traffic laws to help maintain safety in and around our school zones.
 - a. Use only designated drop off and pick up locations.
 - b. Do not park across the street from the drop/pickup location.
 - c. Do not use the school's bus loading zone.
 - d. Stay alert – avoid distracted driving.
 - e. Allow extra time, be courteous and respectful of neighbors.
 - f. Follow speed limits and traffic signs.
 - g. Stop for crossing guards and all pedestrians.
 - h. Join a carpool.
2. [Bicycle Safety](#): Bicyclists and motorists have the same rights and responsibilities on the road. We will continue our efforts to better educate the community on safe bicycling practices. Here are some [bicycle safety tips](#) and key reminders:
 - a. Wear properly fitted bicycle helmets. If under 18 years of age, it's the law.
 - b. Riders are considered vehicle operators; they are required to obey the same rules of the road as other vehicle operators, including obeying traffic signs, signals, and lane markings.
 - c. Bicyclists must ride in the same direction as traffic.
 - d. Bicyclists should increase their visibility to drivers by wearing fluorescent or brightly colored clothing during the day, and at dawn and dusk.

We appreciate your cooperation and patience during drop off and pick up of students, and ensuring your child knows and follows the rules of the road when biking to school. Here's to a safe school year!