How To Navigate Car Line

Our goal is to make car line safe for our students and staff and as efficient as possible for you. Everyone’s safety depends upon the collaborative effort of all of us following these procedures carefully. Only right-hand turns are permitted out of the school onto Main Street during car line. Waiting until traffic is clear in both lanes creates a bottleneck; please help keep the traffic flowing.

**Morning Car Line**

Morning car line drop-off begins at 7:40 am, please do not drop students off prior to that as there is no supervision. Car line ends at 7:55 am, with classes starting promptly at 8:00 am. If you are later than 7:55 am, students must go to the office to sign in.

Please pull forward to just before the horseshoe turn before stopping your car; this allows several cars to drop off their students at once. Do not stop in front of the sanctuary doors unless all the cars in front of you are stopped; this backs traffic into the crosswalk area.

Your child should have their book bag, lunchbox, projects etc. ready before you stop your vehicle and encourage your children to move quickly as a courtesy to all the people behind you. Whenever possible, children should exit the car from the passenger side. Children exiting your car from the driver’s side should cross in front of your vehicle. When clear, continue around the horseshoe to the left; DO NOT do a U-turn and DO NOT back up to avoid driving around the horseshoe. DO NOT pull around other cars. Your impatience could have tragic consequences. DO NOT stop traffic in front of the school to drop students off on Main Street to avoid car line. Drivers should remain in their cars as children exit their vehicles on their own. If they are physically unable to do so, drive to the lower lot and park. Parking is prohibited in the car line route during car line hours.
**Afternoon car line** pick up begins at 3:30 pm and ends at 3:45 pm. The car line moves more smoothly when our families spread out pick-up time between 3:30 – 3:45 pm. Please do not arrive earlier than 3:21 pm., arriving too early into the parking lot creates safety concerns for students in afternoon PE classes and blocks crosswalks. Car line numbers are assigned during student enrollment and should be prominently displayed on your car dash during afternoon car line. Be sure your child knows your car line number to help speed up the afternoon loading. There is absolutely no parking in the driveway or U-turn permitted during car line.

Form two lanes as you pull into the school parking area. Follow the stop sign traffic monitor’s directions to the left of the horseshoe. Be aware that cars are behind you and that you need to move up as soon as there is room - don’t leave gaps of greater than 3 feet between cars. Our goal is to prevent cars from obstructing traffic flow on Main Street; the backup of cars creates a severe traffic hazard. Stay alert and not on your phone as staff help direct you out of the parking lot with hand signals such as a thumbs-up to ask if you have all students loaded. **Reply with a nod or thumbs-up, and you will be permitted to pass when it is safe to do so.**

Parents arriving after 3:45 pm will need to pick their children up from the school office. Be respectful and polite to traffic monitors; our teachers stand outside during all types of weather to protect YOUR children.