

NEW ASCA DROP-OFF PROCEDURE – effective 2-7-13

The goal of this revamped procedure is to help expedite the drop-off time and to increase student safety. This procedure will help in several ways. **First**, it will nearly double the capacity for cars going through the drop-off lane by 42 cars-- which will alleviate traffic waiting to turn onto school property off of Aurora Avenue . **Second**, it will help improve traffic flow by eliminating the number of times cars have to stop and wait for foot traffic that is created from multiple drop-off locations. **Finally**, it will create awareness for those who utilize the drop-off lane and encourage everyone to be more self-aware.

After 7:30 AM - NO EXCEPTIONS - ALL traffic enters the ASCA parking lot through the WEST ENTANCE

- Entering from the east is prohibited and has been prohibited
- Teachers and volunteers who arrive after 7:30 must drive around the school and work their way around to the teacher/volunteer parking lot if they want to park there.
- Those staying for mass on Wednesdays must also either drive around and then park in the east lot or simply park in the main lot.

Parking is ONLY ALLOWED in the designated parking lot

- Those choosing to park and walk their child(ren) **MUST** park in the designated parking lot and **NOT** in the eastern most lot and/or east of the traffic of the exiting car lane. **UNESCORTED CHILDREN walking to door 7 is still not allowed.**
 - This is for two important reasons
 1. Safety
 2. Speed—pedestrian traffic slows the traffic for the drop off lane

To facilitate more car volume--double up lanes for drop-off at posted sign (or by the volunteer).

- This will help accommodate those who still wish to park and walk their child(ren) room to enter the parking lot and allow them to cross over the drop-off lane to access the parking lot.
- At the posted point (indicated by orange cones—begin to merge. **Remember to be courteous!**
- Once traffic has returned to a single lane, resume the current drop-off protocol.

- ❖ **PULL FORWARD TO THE ORANGE CONE**—don't stop short and slow the line down for those behind you.

- ❖ Use the drop-off lane **ONLY** if your child(ren) can exit the car within a reasonable amount of time—i.e. if he or she has a large or heavy project that is too cumbersome to quickly exit the car you should park the car in the parking lot and walk them to door 7. Be considerate of others—keep the line moving.

- ❖ **THE LONE EXCEPTION** to the above rule is for those cars displaying the special handicap permit. In this instance, please pull past the orange cone to the designated area to ensure your child's /children's safety.

We all want drop-off to be more efficient. In order for this to happen, everyone needs to buy-in. It has gotten so bad that people have created short-cuts to our existing policy. This has effectively only exacerbated the problem. As bad as it is now, it will become a total nightmare for everybody when there is bad weather. That is why, rather than continuing to complain and doing nothing about it, volunteers have come up with this revised plan with the hope that we will all benefit by having a speedier, safer and more courteous morning drop-off experience. This procedure is not drastic, nor is it unrealistic. It will work if and only if we all follow this common sense procedure combined with respect and decency for each other.

ASCA PICK-UP PROCEDURE

The pick-up procedure remains largely intact with the following exceptions:

1. No entrance through the east entrance—as posted already.
2. No parking in the east lot—exceptions for those who were already at school as a volunteer.
3. Parking is only allowed in the main lot. **UNESCORTED CHILDREN walking from door 7 is still not allowed.**

REMINDERS:

- **No cell phone use on ASCA property—NO EXCEPTIONS. Holding a conversation while driving results in 'distracted driving', regardless if you are using a hands-free device.**
- No left turns from east exit before 3:45 PM
- SLOW DOWN, **PLEASE!**

Immediate (2-7-2013) Changes to the Morning Drop-Off

Effective Thursday, 2-7-2013, a new and hopefully more efficient drop-off procedure will be in place. Details for both the drop-off and pick-up are below. Orange cones, signage, and volunteers will be in place to help manage the flow of traffic. Please be alert to these new changes. Remember to be courteous and patient. Most important, for many, the procedure will be drastically different from your normal routine. **BE FLEXIBLE and ADAPT.**

Be more self-aware if going through the drop-off line

- Be sure your child(ren) have the ability to exit your car quickly so as not to clog the flow of traffic
- Do not sit there and watch your child(ren) walk to the door—they do actually go to class
- Those who have a large class project and need more time to exit should park in the main lot and walk
- Pull as far forward as space and safety will allow—this will allow more cars to occupy the drop-off line, thus keep it as efficient as possible.
- Those with any physical disability should pull forward to the spot marked with a handicap sign. It is right across from door 9.
- **No exit from the West side**—all traffic must exit from the East. This will help avoid an oncoming crash, delays and obvious confusion. In the words of Sir Toppem Hatt, “Thomas, you have caused confusion and delay!” Don’t be Thomas!
- **STAY OFF YOUR PHONES!!!!!!!!!!!! ENOUGH SAID.**

It is important that we all follow this procedure. That is the only way it will work. **YOU** will set a bad example to your child(ren) if you show them that the rules do not apply to you. Remember, those little eyes see everything. You do not want to set a bad example.

Those interested in volunteering for the morning drop-off, please reach out. Contact me directly, Tom Claussen at goillinois92@hotmail.com, or call me at (630) 337-3719. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated. Even if you are only available for a few mornings please consider volunteering. Every little bit will help.