

Drop off/Pick up Information 2023/24

Dear Elementary Families,

Whether you are a new or returning family, I would like to welcome you!
We have been praying and preparing all summer for your arrival on the first day of school on **Wednesday, September 6th**.

Please read this email very carefully so you will be prepared for the first day of school.

You are invited to attend our Elementary Open House one week from today, September 5! Elementary classrooms will be open from 1:00-3:00 p.m. The open house is especially for new families but all are welcome. It is a wonderful opportunity to spend time in the classroom with your child and get acquainted with a few other students, parents, and the teacher. Please bring your school supplies if you are able to attend. We will be handing out dismissal numbers at the Open House. Be sure to take that home to prepare for the first day of school.

I have attached two maps. One map shows the elementary building and teacher room assignments. Some teachers have moved around so check the map even if you are a returning family. The other map shows our campus with driving directions for afternoon dismissal.

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL Procedures

Arrival and dismissal are the time of day when our campus hosts a huge number of cars and people. We have implemented some systems to help this be a safe and (relatively) smooth operation.

PLEASE NOTE: THE FIRST DAY of school dismissal takes a long time.

Please bring your **patience**.

Last year, our first day of school dismissal was slow as new students and families were learning the system. Thank you, in advance, for your patience! We will dismiss down to about 15 minutes within a few short days.

MORNING ARRIVAL

Option 1 - Drop-off

- When you arrive on campus, please enter through the church entrance and turn to the right to drop off your students in front of the elementary building. Please pull up close to your child's classroom so they may proceed quickly so as not to hold up traffic. **Please do not get out of your car or linger in the "drop-off" area.**

Option 2 - Park

- Or, you may park your car in the parking lot and walk your students to their classroom.

AFTERNOON DISMISSAL

Each family will be given a number to post on their car visor upon campus entry during the Tuesday open house. You will be given two copies in case you have another person picking up your child. If you need more, please contact the office.

Option 1 - Drive Through

- You may drive through the designated car line to pick up your child. (see map)
- Please pull up close to the car in front of you to reduce the length of the car line.
Options for Posting Your Car Number:
 - Use a binder to clip to your passenger visor and flip it down upon entry on campus
 - Attach to your passenger visor with rubber bands or ties

- Traffic should follow the cones upon entry on campus to wind in front of the elementary building. One of our teachers will guide your car to wait for your student (s) to come out of the classroom. **Please do not get out of your car.**
- Dismissal from classrooms will continue until 3:08 and then all students will wait outside.
 - Hint: If you arrive between 2:50-3:00, you will have a long wait in line. Please adjust your arrival time to reduce lines on 67th in front of the school. *Arriving after 3:05 typically reduces the length of your wait.*

Option 2 - Park

- You may park, hold up your number toward the administration building, and wait by the flagpole for your child to come out of their classroom.
- Students will be in their classrooms until they hear their car number over the intercom. They will then proceed from the classroom to the pick-up zone. Please do not go to the classroom to pick up your child.
- This is generally the fastest option for picking up your children.

VOLUNTEERS AND VISITORS

- **Visitors:** If you plan to visit for chapel or lunch, please **sign in at the office.**
- **Volunteers** will be allowed again on campus. Please speak with your child's teacher on Parent Night if you are interested in volunteering.

See you very soon!

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