

CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL TRAFFIC PLAN

MORNING DROP-OFF

1. Drop-off by automobile takes place in only one location: the school parking lot. NO STOPPING, PARKING OR DROPPING OFF AT THE TOYOPA DRIVE CURB IS PERMITTED. The reason for this is to safeguard the walking traffic and prevent accidents in the street.
2. For safety reasons, the front gates at the entrance to the school will be locked while school is in session. In the morning, walkers will be checked in through the gate. Parents who wish to enter the patio will be admitted through the gate.
3. The circular drive plan will be in place (see dismissal procedure). Do not park in parking spots. Parents driving in to the parking lot are asked to do the following:
 - a. **Driving path to enter the parking lot:** Drummond west to Toyopa north to Carey east, turning left into the parking lot. Once in the lot make a right turn and follow the circular path. You will be directed by staff. No right turns from Carey into the lot are permitted during the arrival period.
NOTE: When entering Drummond from Sunset, if it is observed that the waiting line has reached the corner of Drummond and Toyopa, parents are asked to continue west on Drummond to Ocampo, turn left on Ocampo to Pampas Ricas, turn left on Pampas Ricas to Toyopa, turn left on Toyopa to join the line.
 - b. Do not use cell phones while in the lot. Stay in the driving circle. Make sure that your children have their backpacks with them in the seat (not stored in the trunk). Do not turn off your engine or get out of the driver's seat.
 - c. Do not park. Children will exit your vehicle from the right and proceed to the school patio.
 - d. Exit the lot by making a right turn on Carey. No left turns from the lot onto Carey are permitted during the drop-off period.
 - e. Do not block driveways while waiting on Toyopa.
4. No walkers are permitted to use the parking lot.

DISMISSAL PROCEDURE

1. Dismissal is at 3:00pm (2:05 pm on Fridays). The circular drive plan will be in place in the parking lot. **NO STOPPING, PARKING, DROPPING OFF OR PICKING UP AT THE TOYOPA DRIVE CURB IS PERMITTED.** The danger to pedestrians outweighs the convenience to drivers. Students will be escorted by their teachers to the parking lot. If a child has written permission to walk home, s/he will be taken to the dismissal zone near the front gate and checked out by the teachers on duty. Bicycle riders must walk their bicycles through the patio to the Toyopa gate at the entrance to school.
2. Parents are asked to cooperate with the plan for walking pick-up: all parents will remain on the Toyopa side of the entrance gate until 3:00 p.m. when the dismissal bell rings. When the dismissal bell rings, parents who wish may enter the dismissal zone on the patio near the hall. Children will be released to their parents at this area, which is marked by cones.
3. If a child has an after school activity, that child will be escorted by the teacher to a table on the school patio and released to the adult who is in charge of supervising that after school activity. **PLEASE BE ON TIME TO PICK UP YOUR CHILD WHEN HIS/HER AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY IS FINISHED.**
4. Students who are going home by car will be escorted by staff to the parking lot. Cones placed along the north brick wall of the lot will be marked with the grade numbers from K – 8. Students in car pools are asked to sit on the bench behind the cone with the grade number of the **YOUNGEST** child in the car pool. Students riding alone are asked to sit on the bench at the cone with the number of their grade.
5. Parents driving in to the parking lot are asked to do the following:
 - Post a sign on your dashboard with your last name so that the teacher at the megaphone can call the riders to your car, or be ready to lower the window on your passenger side in order to tell the teacher on duty your name.
 - **Driving path to enter the parking lot:** Drummond west to Toyopa north to Carey east, turning left into the parking lot. Once in the lot make a right turn and follow the circular path. You will be directed by staff. No right turns from Carey into the lot are permitted during the dismissal period.
 - **NOTE:** When entering Drummond from Sunset, if it is observed that the waiting line has reached the corner of Drummond and Toyopa, parents are asked to continue west on Drummond to Ocampo, turn left on Ocampo to Pampas Ricas, turn left on Pampas Ricas to Toyopa, turn left on Toyopa to join the line.
 - Do not use cell phones while in the lot.
 - Stay in the driving circle. Do not park. Children will board your vehicle from the right after being called on the megaphone by the teacher on duty. For safety reasons, children are not allowed to jump up and go to your car without permission from the staff member on duty.

- Exit the lot by making a right turn on Carey. No left turns from the lot onto Carey are permitted during the dismissal period.
- **Do not block driveways while waiting on Toyopa Drive.**

7. No walkers are permitted to use the parking lot.

PARENT Q & A

1. If parents can no longer park in the parking lot...when the children are walked to the cars, won't this cause a large back-up on Toyopa?

Many schools utilize this method and it actually has proven to be very efficient. The important point is that all of the classes must be on the lot on time.

2. Suppose that one of the children in my car is not ready – do I wait and stop the flow of the line or do I exit the lot and re-enter?

If one of the riders in your car has not yet arrived at the lot, you will need to exit and re-enter the lot. The teachers will make every effort to ensure that this does not happen. Middle school teachers will escort the students to the lockers to help them pack up quickly and move to the parking lot.

3. What if one of the children in my car has forgotten a book and needs to run to get it? What do I do?

Once you exit the lot, you can park at an available spot on the street and walk on to campus through the pedestrian gate.

4. What if my very young child is still having separation anxiety at morning drop-off and I need to get out of the car to ease the process? Can't I just drop off at the Toyopa curb?

There is a danger because of two-way traffic on a narrow street that already has cars parked at the rectory side of the street. This area needs to be made safe for walking traffic, as much as we have it in our power to do so. What you could do is park at designated parking spots and walk your child in through the pedestrian gate.

5. What if I'm in a hurry? Do the rules still apply to me?

Yes... ☺

Thank you for your help!