

An Important Message from Principal Wingard:

Because we are between two public schools that have lots of traffic, here is our protocol for dropping off and picking up at the main school for our K-8 students.

I can't inform the outside world of our rules or stop crazy drivers. That is why I beg you to help me and abide by our traffic safety rules. Please share this letter with all those who help get your kids to and from school, especially grandparents.

Impatient drivers and those thinking only of *their convenience* and not considering how their actions affect others are what stress us all out each day in traffic. We know everyone has places to be, so please be patient.

The 5th-grade crossing guards and I do our best to get all the kids safely to and from school. It flows smoothly for everyone when all parents/guardians abide by our traffic protocols.

I will advertise for Traffic duty volunteers again this year. Thank you to Ms. Janet, Fr. Scott, Mr. Cain (graduated) and Mr. Harris, for helping to be my backups. Please respect all of our efforts in keeping everyone's child safe. **If you would like to volunteer, please contact mwingard@saintgeorgeseattle.org**

We appreciate all the ways you help us keep the kids safe! One injury is too many!

- Principal Monica Wingard

DROP-OFF and PICK-UP Traffic Protocols

 Please take the time to read this through at least once. You will understand the Traffic Flow and the reasons why we must follow this safety protocol. Thank you for your part in keeping our kids safe!

KINDER-8TH @ Main School Building

 Come to St. George in TWO ways:

1. **Drive SOUTH on 13th Ave from Hudson or Shelton. Please do NOT go North on 13th from the Lucille Street (South) behind me in the street (from the Church).** I know I am asking you to go a block or two out of your way, but it is in the best interest of children's safety and traffic flow for all. You stop the flow of the southbound traffic.
 - a. Drop your kids anywhere along the front of the school and gym. The gym gate will be open at 7:35 AM. Don't jam up at the gym gate. They can walk 40 or 50 feet to the gate, and we have staff outside to supervise.
2. **Drive WEST only on Dawson, and pull all the way down the hill towards 12th just like at the gas pump. Please do NOT come up Dawson from 12th.** You are going against traffic, and kids are running across traffic to get to the school door.
 - a. Don't expect to drop the kids at the cafeteria door. They can walk.

 Refer to the [Traffic Flow Map](#) for visual guidance (attached)



Follow these PROTOCOL during drop-off and pick-up:

1. **USE THE CROSSWALKS at all times on the corner of Dawson and 13th! DO NOT CROSS AT PEARL STREET BY THE GYM!** There is no crosswalk there.
 - a. Do not *cross kids in the middle of the street, between cars or run across the traffic.* That is a life-threatening accident waiting to happen. Teach our kids safe habits.
2. **Abide by the Patrol Crossing Guards. Wait for them to cross you.**
 - a. Respect the presence and work of our students volunteering as Crossing Guards. Do not ignore them and go around them.
 - b. Patrols are on duty from 7:40-8:00 AM and for 15 minutes at the end of the school day.
3. **DO NOT park in yellow curb zones or in our neighbors' driveways at drop off.** Park in the green zones if you want to walk your children. Yellow curbs are drop-and-go where parents do NOT get out of the car.
4. **NO double parking** waiting for kids to cut through parked cars to get to you. Keep moving.
5. **Kindergarten parents who are late** must park and walk their child to the main office to check-in, and then walk them to class across the street (North entrance at the ramp).
6. Morning Care opens at the School Hall door on Dawson at 7:00 AM. The Gym gate opens at 7:35 AM. We offer **free** morning care from 7:40-7:55 AM.



Bell Schedule and Where to Drop Off / Pick Up:

DAILY DROP-OFF (AM)

- **7:55AM - SCHOOL BEGINS.** Students must be IN THE CLASSROOM at their desks by 8:00AM to be considered on time. We will mark them tardy at 8:00AM.
- All K-8 students head directly to the playground by 7:55 AM daily.
- At rolling drop offs, we ask that parents do not get out of the car or dilly dally. Parents are not allowed on the playground or in the classrooms at arrival time.

DAILY PICK-UP (PM)

- **3:00PM (2:00PM Weds, 12:00PM first Fri) - DISMISSAL.** All students are dismissed to the front of the school sidewalk on 13th Ave S.
- 3:15PM - any student not picked up will be escorted to Extended Care. Parents can sign-out those students in the courtyard/gym through the gym gate which is open from 3:00-6:00 PM.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - DROP OFF

- 7:55AM -School begins. Parents may escort their students on the first day to help with the supplies. K-8 and parents will meet on the playground for a welcome.
- Students will then be dismissed to classrooms. Parents may help carry things to the classrooms.
- 8:30AM - Parents are invited to the Back to School assembly in the school hall. After the assembly, school resumes, parents must leave unless checking in to volunteer.

PRESCHOOL & PRE-K @ Preschool Building

- 7:00AM - Doors open for those who signed up for morning care.
- 7:45-8:05AM - regular drop off begins.
- Please park in the lot and walk your children to class + sign them in.
- Our parish has an 8:30 morning Mass on Wednesdays and Fridays so the parking lot may get busy.

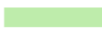
TRAFFIC FLOW MAPS

Link to [Traffic Flow Map](#) available on our **St. George 101** page: www.saintgeorgeseattle.org/101

St. George School

DROP OFF & PICK UP TRAFFIC FLOW MAP

- xxxxxxxxxxx Drop off points - kids can walk
x Drop off entrances (Gym gate, Cafeteria, Kinder if tardy)

-  Rolling drop off, Keep it moving!
 Park & walk
 Patrol Crossing Guards
 Walk to crossing guards

