

Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to see so many students on campus before 7:30 this morning. You are indeed quick learners! I promise you that your students will be more relaxed and better prepared to begin their academic day if you stick to it. Hopefully, by leaving the house earlier, it is less stressful and a much quicker exit for you as well.

Here are a few observations from this morning.

- To reiterate, (from Mr. Allen's email: attached). Regarding the La Terraza Apartments and the Townplace Suites Hotel adjacent to Harker; these are not drop off areas and are not to be used for this purpose. Please help us in being a good neighbor to the businesses and residents that live nearby and avoid using this private drive. Additionally, student drivers should not park at any of the surrounding businesses and walk to school: those businesses will have your car towed.
- Never stop and drop students off along the 280 exit or Saratoga Ave. It is better to be late than to risk injury or worse. You can also be cited by law enforcement for doing so.
- Don't assume traffic will be the same every day. On our campus, traffic varies each day, depending upon whether we are running an A/C or B/D schedule. There are also changes in traffic patterns on campus at the beginning of each new semester. Be safe and leave your home early.
- The right turning lane is underutilized. If you are **exiting from the back drive only** to Saratoga Ave., and the right turning lane is open, please use it. This will help those behind you and perhaps get you on your way faster. Be sure to look for students crossing Saratoga from the other side of the street before doing so.

Thank you for the suggestions we received. We will be adding a crossing guard at the Shah lot crossing. This will make for a safer pedestrian crossing and should improve traffic flow along the back drive.

Thank you and have a pleasant evening,

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