

West Ottawa High School

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Preparing all students to be College, Career, and Life Ready.

Dear West Ottawa Families,

I hope this message finds you well! As we begin the school year, it's a perfect time to revisit a few important reminders about parking and drop-off procedures. These guidelines are designed to keep our students, staff, and families safe and ensure traffic flows smoothly each day. Thank you for taking the time to review them with your student.

PARKING LOT EXPECTATIONS

We are fortunate to have more than enough designated parking spaces for everyone. To maintain safety and accessibility:

- Students may park in **designated student parking spaces**.
- Students should get a **parking pass** at the North receptionist in the next few days in order to park at WOHS.
- **Illegally parked** cars can create hazards and disrupt traffic flow. Vehicles parked in unauthorized areas may receive a "stop-sticker" warning and, if needed, additional consequences. Unfortunately, this was a significant issue last year.

Students should **not** park in:

- **Lined/no-parking zones** – These block visibility and emergency access.
- **Another student's painted spot** – Painted spaces are part of our PBIS initiative, reserved each year for seniors who rent them.
- **The "Best Spot in the Lot"** – This is a weekly PRIDE prize for students; signage will indicate which spots are reserved.

Additional notes:

- Driving to school (and parking) is a **privilege** and may be revoked for repeated violations.
- Students and staff must park only in assigned, marked spots.
- **Juniors** are **not permitted** to leave campus for lunch.
- Students may **not drive between buildings** during the school day for safety and supervision reasons.
- Drive slowly (10 mph or less) in parking areas and yield to pedestrians at all times.

MORNING DROP-OFF & AFTERNOON PICK-UP

To keep everyone safe and traffic moving efficiently:

- **Please form one single line** in the circle drive and pull all the way forward before stopping.
- **Do not drop students off in the left lane** of either circle drive. This forces students to cross live traffic and is extremely dangerous.
- Use **only the circle drives** directly in front of the main entrances for drop-off and pick-up. Please do not drop students off in the student or teacher lots.
- Remain in your vehicle if you are in the drop-off lane - if you need extra time, please park in a designated spot.

While the lines may appear long, they move quickly when all families follow these safety practices. A few extra seconds of patience can prevent accidents and ensure everyone gets to school and home safely.

PLEASE EXCUSE OUR MESS!

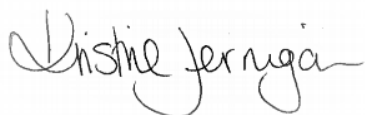
Due to the construction of our new pool and community center, we need to reconfigure the campus irrigation system and drainage pond. As part of this work, many of our irrigation and sprinkling lines will be turned off for the school year. This means some grassy areas—especially at the main lawns of both the North and South buildings—will look less than perfect. Rest assured, next year our grass will be back to green and healthy.

Our goal is to maintain a safe, respectful, and organized environment for our entire school community. Your partnership in reinforcing these expectations with your student makes a big difference and we thank you!

Thank you for your continued support in making West Ottawa High School the great place it is. We love it here and we love your kids.

Have a great day, and **GOWO!**

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