



Safety Patrol Procedures for All Parents

Dear Parents,

On Monday, August 13, 2018 drive-through services will begin. This year, for the second year, both buildings will be beginning on the same day. This is going to cause additional congestion in the parking lot the first week of school. We are asking that returning MMS families use the drive through service. We need cars to use the service during the first few weeks to eliminate traffic concerns. If you wish to walk your child in, then please arrive during non-peak times (8:50 am – 9:05 am is peak drop off time) and limit the amount of time you remain on campus, allowing a quick turn-around time for available parking spaces.

You must pick up a car tag from the front office to use drive-through. The numbers on the car tags correspond to the children's classes and allow proper placement and retrieval of the children. Please hang your car tag on your rearview mirror with the numbers facing out where the safety patrols can read them clearly. The first two weeks we will have middle schoolers helping the fifth graders, allowing quicker service. If you choose to park and walk in your child you must cross at the painted cross walks. Do not walk through the bushes or over the curb. Drivers can not see you, and it is unsafe.

When using the drive through service **REMAIN IN YOUR CAR**, and do not exit the vehicle to help the patrol. Remaining in your car allows us to move vehicles safely and quickly and ensures that your child is listening to the patrol and following directions. Getting out of your car drastically slows the process and causes safety concerns. In the afternoons the Safety Patroller will open the car door, load in your child, buckle their seatbelt, and close the car door for you. Please allow the patroller to buckle your child's belt so they know that it has been done and that your child is safe to be in a moving vehicle. Your child needs to have car seats as required by law for their size and weight. If you do not wish for the patrols to be responsible for buckling your child then please do not use the drive-through. Turning your car off once you are in position provides extra safety for the patrol. In the morning cars stop in front of the building your youngest child's class is in. In the afternoons we pull four cars at a time forward since it takes time to retrieve the children from the pickup area.

Safety Patrol is open from 8:40 am - 9:05am and from 2:40 pm – 3:05 pm. In extreme cold temperatures or due to lightning Safety Patrol may close early. The safety of our patrols is of utmost importance.

Please do not talk on your cell phone or text while using drive-through and be aware at all times. Small children may attempt to dart past patrols, parents may step in front of a vehicle while distracted, or other situations could arise. Please assist us in our safety procedures by being a defensive driver at all times. Please be patient and never drive around a car that is in front of you.

We look forward to serving you this year on Patrol. The fifth graders are very excited about their new roles as patrols. Each year we ask that you be patient the first few weeks as the fifth graders learn the nuances of the safety patrol routine along with our new families. We strive to load children and move vehicles quickly, but safety is always our first priority. We look forward to greeting you each day, learning your children's names, and serving them to the best of our abilities.

Sincerely,

Crystal Sorrow
Safety Patrol Supervisor