



Let's Put Student Safety First!!!

Dear Parents,

As we move toward the end of the First Trimester, I would like for you to remember that **we take student safety very seriously at MSS.** In the past several weeks, we have had several close calls on our arrival/dismissal area and at the bus stops.

Last week at a bus stop, two children were almost hit by a car because the parent was distracted and driving too fast when pulling out from the stop. The week before that, we had a near miss because students were not following driver directions and the driver was distracted when driving. We need everyone's help to insure the safety of our students.

Additionally, on campus, parents are not observing a safe speed when pulling away from the line and/or students are being released from the driver's side door and another driver does not yield to this process and instead speeds by to get out of the dismissal line. All of these incidents create an unsafe environment for our children.

Please remember the following rules regarding bus behavior and arrival/dismissal at MSS:

On Campus at MSS:

- Parents are to drive slowly and cautiously when entering/leaving the line. If a staff member addresses this with you for safety reasons, please understand our PRIORITY IS YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY.
- ALL students should leave and enter the vehicle on the passenger's side.
- If your child needs extra assistance when arriving/dismissing, please park in the lot and take care of these needs prior to coming into the line.
- Please do not speed by cars in line when you have finished dropping off/receiving your child. Nothing is more important than a child's life and safety.

At the Bus Stops:

- Students should remain in the car until the bus arrives and all cars should wait until the children have boarded the bus/dismounted from the bus before pulling out.
- Students riding the bus are to obey the bus driver's directions THE FIRST TIME THEY ARE GIVEN. Students who distract the driver and do not follow instructions may lose bus privileges.
- Parents and students are not to walk behind the bus at any time – the bus driver must see you for safety reasons.
- Please do not speed by the bus when you have finished dropping off/receiving your child. Nothing is more important than a child's life and safety.