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Dear Griffins,

Andy Warhol once said that everyone would experience 15 minutes of fame. I'm not sure that this is true - social media might have increased this number for some. However, I am sure that every Prep parent has certainly experienced 15 minutes of chaos in the afternoons. I write with important information regarding our traffic patterns on campus - we are grateful for your attention and cooperation as we try to make our pick-up a less hectic and safer experience.

Beginning tomorrow, Wednesday, April 6th, and only in the afternoons, you will see several new signs directing traffic during afternoon pick-up.

Specifically, be on the lookout for the following:

NO PARKING - PROCEED TO LOADING ZONE Signs

There are several areas in which Prep parents have become accustomed to parking that are problematic because they block traffic or are illegally blocking fire hydrants, fire lanes, and through traffic.

LOADING ZONE (A)(B)(C) Signs

Parents picking up their student(s) need to occupy all available parking spaces adjacent to Brennand field first (Loading Zone A), then to those around the circle in front of the gymnasium and library second (Loading Zone B), and finally the circle in front of the Administration building and last stretch of the driveway third (Loading Zone C) without blocking the pass-through to the gym parking or left lane designated for through traffic. Simply put, please move to the most forward spot possible instead of occupying a parking space closer to the student areas. Students have to walk a bit further, but the upside is that your route off-campus during this congested time will be shorter.

A new crosswalk for pedestrians in front (south of) the traffic circle

While we think it's appropriate that our students are so lost in thought that they wander across the traffic circle during the academic day, their desire to do so in the middle of pick-up stresses us out. After school, we are asking students to walk around the perimeter of the traffic circle or cross at the marked pedestrian area.

Reminders:

- Please don't leave your vehicle unattended anywhere in the entrance or the parking circle, even for a brief moment.
- The left lanes along the driveway and inside lane around the circle are for through traffic only and should be kept clear at all times.
- Use the main exit for a right turn onto C. Cruz Blanca only.
- Remember the second exit (accessed through the faculty lot) that can allow you to take a left turn onto C. Cruz Blanca.
- Please do not stop or line up along C. Cruz Blanca waiting for a chance to pull into the school if the entrance is backed up with vehicles. We ask that you pull into the IHM parking lot across the street and queue up until a spot on campus opens up.
- Please do not unload your child on C. Cruz Blanca.
- The area off the circle in front of the gym and behind the library are not loading zones. Please do not pull into these areas.

If you don't want to experience your 15 minutes of chaos, you have options:

- Remember that you can use the pick-up areas adjacent to campus - the IHM lot and the Meem, respectively.
- Additionally, the library is open after school, and you can pick up your student(s) after 4:00 PM when things are much calmer (and let your student get that first homework assignment done!)

With many people operating in a small space during a brief period of time we know we're going to have wait time - our goal is to make our pick-up times both safer and smoother. Please see the enclosed traffic map below.

Thank you for your patience.

Best,
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