

ST. LOUISE CARPOOL TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

GENERAL TRAFFIC REGULATIONS AT ALL TIMES

⇒ All vehicles travel one-way during the carpool times of 8:00-8:30 a.m. and 2:45-3:30 p.m. (1:45-2:30 on Mondays), by entering off 156th Avenue SE and exiting onto Main Street. (Note: once the school day begins at 8:30, the Main Street gates are closed.) During these specific times, ignore the directional arrows on the pavement, as school carpool traffic travels in opposite direction of the far south lane and far west lane arrows.

⇒ The maximum speed limit on the parish/school grounds is always 5 MPH.



⇒ Should it be necessary to park and leave your vehicle (such as for walking to a classroom or for volunteering in the school), please park in the following areas only:

1. South of the church immediately as you enter off 156th.
2. In the basketball court lot north of the gym.
3. On a neighboring street (such as SE 4th or 153rd Pl.)

⇒ If you park in the basketball court, please make sure both you and your children cross to and from the school only at the designated yellow crosswalks. There is one crosswalk connecting the gym with the South Wing, and one crosswalk connecting the soccer field with the Main Building.

⇒ While school is in session, there should be no vehicles parked north of the yellow barricades and orange cones, which are placed by the safety patrol from the central wing to the gym immediately after the 8:30 bell. This coned-off area is kept clear for student recesses.

⇒ For the safety of the children, it is important that parents stress the same traffic regulations the school does. Please do not set bad examples by disobeying our driving or crosswalk regulations simply for the sake of saving a few seconds of waiting or a few extra steps of walking. A few seconds or a few steps are worth a lot in terms of the lessons taught to children and the safety it creates.



MORNING TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

1. Children are not to unload from a car on 156th Ave. or from a car in line south of the church.
2. Enter from 156th Ave. in **two** single file lines. If heading north on 156th between 8:00-8:30, turn left into the far left exit lane, driving over the far south lane's exit arrow, to help form two entrance lines.
3. Drive straight ahead, heading west toward the parish offices, and then turn right so the two lanes join to form one line heading north, parallel to the sidewalk along the South, Central, and North Wings.
4. Pull forward (north) as far as possible prior to unloading your carpool. The first vehicle in a new line of cars pulling forward will stop at the "fire hydrant island" at the North Wing, and all other cars behind this first vehicle will then stop in a single file line stretching from the North Wing down to the south lot where the two lanes first joined as one. Once you have pulled forward as far as possible and you are in this one single file line, **you must unload all your children at one time. Do not pull up and unload a second time just to drop a child closer north.** This "double-stopping" causes backups.
5. If you will be leaving your vehicle and want to park, you may park in the south lot immediately upon entering off 156th, or on the basketball court. To access the basketball court, drive north up the far west lane closest to the gym. Please note that after the 8:30 entrance bell, the basketball court and soccer field are coned off for recess use, so cars may not remain parked in these areas after 8:30.
6. Exit by driving forward in two lanes out the gates onto Main Street.

AFTERNOON TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

1. Enter from 156th Ave. in **two** single file lines. If heading north on 156th, turn left into the far left exit lane, over the exit arrow, to help form two entrance lines between 2:45-3:15 (1:45-2:15 on Mondays).
2. Drive straight ahead toward the parish offices in this far south lot until the two lines join to form one line heading north, parallel to the sidewalk along the South, Central, and North Wings. Wait at the beginning of this single file line for the volunteer on traffic duty to signal you to an open parking space in the central lot. Park diagonally in these central parking stalls in a north-western direction, facing the soccer field. If there is no vehicle ahead of you in the central parking stalls, pull forward to allow another vehicle to park behind you. **You must remain in or alongside your vehicle at all times so you are ready to pull forward or out.** For the safety of the children, do not back out of your stall but wait until no vehicles are parked ahead of you and then pull forward. If you are holding up the vehicle parked behind you because your children are not yet loaded in your vehicle, you will need to pull out and park on the basketball court or exit, circle the block, and re-enter. To eliminate this possibility, please stress to your children the importance of watching for their car from the sidewalk waiting area and crossing as soon as you park.
3. If you were planning on parking and leaving your vehicle, instead of parking in these central parking stalls, you will want to park in the south lot immediately upon entering off 156th, or park on the basketball court. Access the basketball court by driving north up the far west lane closest to the gym.
4. Students will wait on the sidewalk along the North, Central, and South Wings. After their car parks in the central parking stalls, students walk to the car using one of the crossing guards. If their cars are parked in the south lot or basketball court, students will wait for these drivers to come to them.
5. Only students whose parents/carpool drivers are physically-present may be on the BigToy after school. They must walk to the BigToy with a parent while using a yellow, marked crosswalk. No children may play on the basketball court or soccer field after school.
6. Exit by driving forward in two lanes out the gates onto Main Street.