

Car Rider Dismissal Procedures

Welcome back to School! Blessings for a safe and happy new year!

Below is the dismissal procedure for car riders. There will be a coned-off, safe, no-drive zone at the library exit ramp. Students will exit the library door with their teachers when car riders are dismissed. They will move down the ramp and wait in the safe area for parents/guardians to walk over, meet, and escort their child to their vehicle.

- Parents/guardians **can not park** in the coned-off safe area.
- Parents/guardians are **required to walk into the safe area to pick up their child** from their teachers in the dismissal zone to ensure that the child is leaving with the person that is designated to take them home.
- Cars **can not exit** via the Deacon and Mrs. Grella Parkway during car rider dismissal as the dismissal area includes that exit.
- **This procedure has been put into place for the safety of the children during dismissal time.** It is not being done to inconvenience any parents/guardians. These rules will alleviate any safety issues or problems that had occurred in the past – such as children darting out in front of exiting vehicles, cars backing out or pulling in front of children or parents who were walking to their vehicles, and children walking or roaming the parking lot in search of parents who may or may not have even been in the parking lot.
- Though your child's teacher may be outside during dismissal, they are there to help keep our children safe. This is not the time or place for a mini parent-teacher conference. If you have a question or concern and you would like to get in touch with your child's teacher, please use the normal channels of communication such as sending an email or setting up a time to meet one-on- one without the distraction of car-rider dismissal.

It is only after much discussion by the teachers and staff, and prayer, that these procedures have been adopted. There have been too many "near misses" in the parking lot in recent months. We value the safety of each and every one of our students and it is for them that these new guidelines are in place. Over the years we have taken additional measures to better protect our students – new door locks, security cameras, and the morning drop-off procedure are some of these implementations. We thank you for your consideration and cooperation in this matter.

The Middle States Health
and Safety Committee