

# JENKINS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## HOME OF THE JAGUARS

September 6, 2016

Dear Jenkins Parents/Guardians,

The purpose of this letter is to serve as a friendly reminder that safety is our top priority and politely ask for your help in making this everyone's top priority when driving through the parking lot. We placed signs that read, "Slow Down, Our Kids Are Worth It," in the parking lot as a reminder that there is nothing more important than protecting our students by driving safely through the parking lot. Our goal is to be as proactive as possible in trying to prevent dangerous situations from happening.

We understand that school parking lots can be a source of frustration from time to time with the amount of traffic that comes through our property each morning and afternoon. We have an established system in place for traffic that works best for our parking lot (See attached map with directional arrows). Even so, we will always have a lot of vehicles in the parking lot before and after school because of the size of our student population. It is essential that each person does their part to use good judgment putting safety first for everybody. Below are some helpful reminders when using the Jenkins parking lot.

- 🐾 Be respectful and follow directions given by the security officers at all times. They are doing their job to protect our students and create a safe situation for everyone in the parking lot.
- 🐾 Go slow at all times. You would hope that other parents are doing the same to protect your student.
- 🐾 Do not block the entrance and exit to the bus loop. Our buses need access in and out of the property.
- 🐾 Be distraction-free at all times (ex: texting while driving).
- 🐾 Follow the traffic arrows painted in the parking lot and refrain from driving through parking spots.
- 🐾 Avoid stopping the vehicle on a crosswalk (See attached map with directional arrows).
- 🐾 Be extra cautious in parking lot intersections.
- 🐾 Be polite and courteous to other drivers. We are all on the same team at Jenkins and we want to model positive values to our students.
- 🐾 Try to avoid parking in a spot to drop off your student. It sometimes creates an unsafe situation where the student now has to watch out for cars backing out and walk across the parking lot where there might not be a crosswalk.

Your support with this situation is greatly appreciated as your student's safety is our top priority. Thank you for your time and help with this important situation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darren Joiner".

Darren Joiner  
Principal



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