

## **HMS Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures**

In the interest of our students' safety, this announcement serves as notification of the changes that have been implemented at HMS to drop off and pick up students. A very special thanks to all the parents/ community members/ staff that offered suggestions of ways to improve the safety of our students.

- For parent drop off and pick up, enter through the middle Barb St. entrance and turn left in the parking lot. Under no circumstances should a car turn right in the parking lot or where the busses will now assemble. Please note students are crossing between the busses to make it to the sidewalks for school entrance.
- At pick up cars along the curb should pull up as close to the front entrance as parking will allow. Once the curb spots are full, other cars waiting should still continue to line up in the right hand lane and then advance toward the front of the building as spaces become available. Cars may not pull out of line, speed ahead, and stop in front of the building in the outer lane. It is too dangerous for students to walk into traffic to enter vehicles.
- If you must get out of your car for any reason during pick up or drop off, you must park your car in one of the available parking spots. You may not exit your car during pick up or drop off if you are stopped in front of the Huntley Middle School building.
- Please do not talk on cell phones while driving on campus. In addition, if you need to have a conversation with your student before he/she is dismissed from your vehicle please simply park as opposed to holding up traffic.
- Busses will now enter and exit at the far west, or last Barb St. entrance. This alteration was made to the traffic flow with hopes to detour the traffic congestion during pick up and drop off.
- In addition to the crossing guard on the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> St. we have also placed a staff member on the corner of the first exit on Barb St. (across from Lehan's) and the City is in the process of creating a crosswalk at that corner.

Please realize that while we very much want our dismissals to be quick and efficient, we are more concerned with the safety of our students.

Thank you, as always, for your support and patience as we all practice safe driving at HMS.