



## Safety During Dismissal...

Please take a moment to review Costello's dismissal procedures. Our goal is to safely and efficiently dismiss students. Please share this important communication to anyone who picks up your child. Obviously with nearly 400 students dismissing daily this is not a speedy process. It only takes a few out of order cars to further delay the process. It is critical that ALL parents follow these procedures. Dismissal time is a great opportunity to model patience for your children!

Students who do not ride the bus or attend CARE dismiss in two different ways:

WALKERS & TALKERS... (these students dismiss through the north doors)

Parking spaces are reserved for parents who are getting out of their vehicles and waiting for their children on the playground near the north doors. ALL vehicles need to be parked in a lined/painted spot. Double parking, waiting in your car for your child, parking by the dumpster and fence unless it is a painted spot only creates more chaos, resulting in a slower dismissal. Please monitor children as you cross through the lot, students walking through a crowded lot with moving vehicles puts the student in harm's way.

Students are not to walk through the parking lot without a parent. Please, do not park your car and wait inside of your car for your child to come to you.

EXPRESS LOOP...

There is only one Express Loop, located directly in front of the school. The side parking lot does not function like the Express Loop. Express Loop users get the right-of-way since the child is not yet in the car.

- For your safety, if you are using the Express Loop, please stay in your car. Students will enter the vehicle from the back seat on the passenger side. Please consider this when securing car seats for younger children.
- Keep moving forward toward the end of the loop. Students wait with adults near cones. Even if you see your child keep moving toward the end of the loop. Students know the path and will head this way.
- DO NOT pull out from the THRU LANE to the EXPRESS LANE or vice versa to pass a car. For everyone's safety it is imperative to follow this important procedure. If everyone follows this system, the traffic will keep moving.
- Everyone is in a hurry, please be considerate of others. If you need a faster pick up, plan to arrive earlier to position yourself at the front of the loop; cutting in front of another vehicle **is not** a viable solution.

Using the Express Loop is much more efficient. If you decide to try, be sure to inform your child's teacher via an e-mail or note and get an Express Loop color page to print your students name on.

## FRIENDLY REMINDERS...

Walkers, for everyone's safety, PLEASE use the crosswalk.

Teachers are busy teaching and do not always check their e-mail until the end of the day. Sending a paper note to the teacher with your student is the best way to ensure the teacher receives the message.

The office is quite busy at the very end of the day which is why we ask for late dismissal changes to be made (when possible) prior to 3:30.

**\*During arrival and departure skateboards, bikes, scooters, etc. on the sidewalk in front of the school and around all traffic flow should be carried or pushed.** The Troy Police Department partners with our schools to enforce our safety rules. Thank you for cooperation to keep all our Costello students and family members safe.

Patience starts in the car rider loop! Thank you for your cooperation!

*Dr. DiPonio*