

## **St. Peter's Morning Drop-off Options**

Parents may choose any of the drop-off options listed below. Pick the option that works best for you and your child. You may change your morning drop-off choice at any time. Also, there is no need to inform the school of your decision. (Please note that this document is related only to morning drop-off. It does not relate to afternoon dismissal.) If you have any questions or comments regarding morning drop-off, please contact John Bell, the art teacher and traffic committee chair.

### **Early Bird Option**

By using the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Cafeteria entrance, you may leave your child(ren) under teacher supervision in the cafeteria between 7:30 and 7:45. At 7:45 students are released from the cafeteria to go to class. (For Junior Kindergarten students: please follow the rules that your JK teacher has given you.)

### **Brother Patrick Drive Primary Entrance (Drive-up only)**

Cars may enter Brother Patrick Drive from 5<sup>th</sup> Street and drop off children at or near the Primary Entrance every morning from 7:45 until 8:00. Our wonderful parent volunteers supervise and assist students as they exit their vehicles and enter through the Primary Entrance. After drivers have dropped off their students, cars will be instructed by a traffic director to turn left onto 4<sup>th</sup> Street or to go straight onto Cedar. (JK students may only use this option if they are accompanied by an older sibling.)

### **4<sup>th</sup> Street Main Office Entrance (Drive-up or walk-up)**

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Street Drive-up**

Drivers may drop off students on the sidewalk on the school's side of 4<sup>th</sup> Street from 7:45 until 8:00. Students will walk to the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Main Office Entrance and enter through the glass doors. Helpful parent volunteers supervise the 4<sup>th</sup> Street sidewalk. (JK students may only use this option if they are accompanied by an older sibling.)

Drivers exit the area by using Beech or continuing eastward on 4<sup>th</sup>. Although this line moves rather quickly, it sometimes backs up to the second block west of the school. Drivers that use this line should enter 4<sup>th</sup> Street two or three blocks west of the school and avoid cutting in front of drivers who have already gotten in line.

Occasionally during morning drop-off, a high volume of eastbound vehicles on 4<sup>th</sup> Street causes two heavy lines of drop-off traffic to form in front of the school. This makes it difficult for cars to pull away from the curb after unloading. In order to alleviate this problem, a traffic director will stop eastbound 4<sup>th</sup> Street traffic at the Brother Patrick intersection when he observes that too many cars are

building up in front of the school. The traffic director will also stop 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Cedar St. traffic to allow Brother Patrick Drive traffic to turn left onto 4<sup>th</sup> or go straight onto Cedar.

On 4<sup>th</sup> Street during morning drop-off, going around other cars is permitted because of the differences in the unload speeds between younger and older children. Also, our long sidewalk along 4<sup>th</sup> Street permits several cars to unload at once. As a courtesy to others, please use turn signals when you wish to approach or depart from the curb, and please approach the curb soon after arriving at the front of the school. (Please do not creep along the curb with the intention of getting your child a little closer to the front door. This can cause a space to disappear at the moment when another driver is trying to move into that space, thus causing an accident.) When traffic is moderate to heavy, if parents are dropping off an older child, we ask that they stop well before arriving at the school's main entrance, thus allowing younger children to get out closer to the main entrance.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Street Walk-up**

Parents who wish to walk their children to the Main Office Entrance glass doors of the school between 7:45 and 8:00 may do so. Parents should park in the church parking lot, the rectory parking lot, or any parking place on the city streets near the cafeteria.