

## Traffic Flow Pattern

A group of parents have expressed concern over the traffic flow situation surrounding the school, especially at dismissal time. Since the main entrance to St. Teresa is located on a residential street, we are limited by what we can and cannot do because of the needs of the surrounding residents. Our ultimate goal is the safety of our children.

The Education Commission (EC) reviewed several different scenarios to help ease the traffic flow situation around the school. While there is no perfect solution without going to the City of Cincinnati and having Rulison Avenue turned into a one-way street, the proposal submitted here is an attempt to create a safer situation for students and drivers during the AM and PM rush times.

The only way for this Traffic Flow Pattern to be successful is with the cooperation of our parents and the people affected by it. While it will result in some inconvenience and a bit of a longer turn around route for some parents, our ultimate goal here is the safe pickup and delivery of all of our children, walking and riding. A couple extra minutes driving around to cooperate with the traffic flow pattern is certainly worth the safety of our students.

**A.M. TRAFFIC PATTERN:** All traffic should flow north on Rulison Avenue and children should be dropped off on the side of the school to avoid having children cross the street. In an effort not to back things up too much, drivers have the option of either heading north on Rulison to drop off students or turning right into the main school lot to drop off near the gym entrance to school. Primary parents may wish to use the Rulison route while intermediate and junior high students could use the gym entrance route.

Drivers utilizing the main school lot could exit directly onto Glenway Avenue (right turn only) or onto Overlook Avenue either way (recommend right turn only).

**P.M. TRAFFIC FLOW:** Bus riders will be dismissed at 2:20 p.m. Walkers will be dismissed at 2:25 p.m. It is important that these walkers begin walking home immediately and not loiter around the school. They should be on their way before the dismissal of the car riders. Car riders will be dismissed at 2:30 p.m. Teachers will be walking the car riders over to the car rider parking lot.

Please pull into the first entrance of the car rider parking lot from Cleves Warsaw. All parents are required to park in this lot. Parking on Rulison or in the school lot is not allowed. Teachers are going to walk the students over to the car rider lot. Parents should stand by their car or walk to the front of their row to signal for their child. When all children are in the cars, exiting in a single line from the parking lot will begin. Please note that the quicker everyone is in their car, the quicker exiting will begin.