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Dear Parents of Westpark Elementary School Students:

As the school year begins, it is an appropriate time for parents to review the traffic procedures established to ensure the safe operation of vehicles at school. To help make the drop-off and pick-up time for parents run smoother, the following suggestions would be helpful:

1. Use the valet drop-off. It is the safest place to drop your children off for school and eliminates them from having to cross the street or the parking lot.
2. Make sure that your children's backpacks, musical instruments, and other belongings are easily accessible for removal from your vehicle.
3. When using the valet service, remain in your car. Allow the student valets to assist your children in exiting.
4. Say your goodbyes to your children before you get in the car and leave home. Extended time saying goodbyes at the school delays other parents and their children.
5. Obey the directions of school staff and volunteers while in the school parking lot. They are doing their job and expect your cooperation in making sure that traffic flows smoothly. This especially applies to parents who park in areas not designated for parking such as traffic lanes, and those whose cars block others from getting out.

It is important to note that all signs and markings on the streets around the school be obeyed. There are no parking variances allowing parking or stopping in areas where prohibited. Areas where parking and stopping is allowed are:

1. Parking is allowed along the south curb edge of San Carlo between Amore and San Mateo and from San Mateo to Del Cabo.
2. Parking is allowed on the north curb edge of San Carlo between Del Cabo up to the posted "No Stopping" sign at San Mateo.
3. Parking is allowed along the north curb of San Carlo directly in front of the school and it continues toward Harvard, ending 200 ft. east of Harvard.
4. There is one designated visitor parking space in the school parking lot with a 30 minute time limit.

Areas where you may not stop or park and other applicable traffic concerns are as follows:

1. Within 15 feet of any fire hydrant.

2. No stopping or parking is allowed on the south side of San Carlo, for eastbound traffic, between Harvard and Amore. Stopping where signs prohibit is a parking violation and carries a \$41 fine if cited (IMC 6-3-573).
3. No parking on Amore at the intersection with San Carlo.
4. No parking or stopping within any crosswalk (VC 22500b).
5. No parking in any red zone or where sign prohibit (IMC 6-3-573). This section applies to the designated loading zone on San Carlo.
6. The parking spaces located at the far west end of the school parking lot are designated for people using the city park, not school related business.
7. No left turn from eastbound San Carlo going into the school entrance (VC 21461).
8. All handicapped parking is strictly enforced (VC 22507.8).
9. Observe all posted speed signs of 25 mph when driving in a school zone.
10. Yield to all pedestrians in a crosswalk (VC 21950a) and obey the directions of the crossing guard (VC 2815). This means that you cannot drive through the crosswalk until the pedestrians and the crossing guard have exited the crosswalk. Pedestrians crossing the street anywhere outside of the crosswalks must yield to vehicular traffic (VC 21954a).
11. All pedestrians should be using the crosswalks to cross the street on San Carlo.

Should anyone receive a parking or moving citation in violation of any traffic law, please do not go to the school office and complain to the staff or administration. The enforcement of traffic regulations around the school fall within the jurisdiction of the Irvine Police Department, and not school officials.

There are legal remedies should you want to contest your citation. If you receive a parking citation, you can call the parking administration at the Irvine Police Department at (949) 724-7023 and request a hearing. Any moving citation can be contested at Harbor Municipal Court.

The Irvine Police Department wishes the staff, teachers, students, and parents of Westpark Elementary School a safe and memorable school year.

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