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### **Safety First**

#### **Pause. Ask. Is It Worth It?**

Every year there is a growing number of injuries and deaths due to vehicle related accidents. As traffic during drop off and pick up in front of the school can become dangerous, we would like to begin a campaign to promote traffic safety and awareness to the students and parents in the hopes of preventing a potential tragedy from happening at our school.

We would like for everyone in our school to promote traffic safety and awareness to all students and parents. Please adhere to the following:

- To observe all traffic rules - (i.e. No - U-Turns, Double Parking, Speeding, going around school bus when "stop" sign is out, etc.)
- To drop off my child/children at school in a safe manner, not double parking, not letting them out of the car in the middle of the street. I will also not leave my car unattended in a NO STANDING zone
- Set a good example to my child/children and others when walking or driving

Please read and discuss as a family the attached safety tips.

Hopefully together, we can make a difference and "save a life".

Thank you

Laura Avakians  
Principal

## **PARENT SAFETY PLEDGE**

**“I value the preservation of life above all else.”**

### **When I am in the car, I pledge:**

- To buckle up
- To observe all traffic rules - (i.e. No - U-Turns, Double Parking, Speeding, Going around school bus when “stop” sign is out, etc.)
- To drop off my child/children at school in a safe manner, not double parking, not letting them out of the car in the middle of the street. I will also not leave my car unattended in a NO STANDING zone.
- Not to be distracted by anything that will make me take my eyes off the road
- Not to text while driving
- Not to talk on the phone-If I have to talk, pull over to the side of the road, talk only with a wireless headset
- Make eye contact with those crossing the corner and use extra caution during inclement weather

### **When I am walking, I pledge:**

- To always cross the street at the crosswalk
- Not cross between parked cars or school busses
- Not to text and carelessly walk across the street
- Not to talk on the phone and carelessly walk across the street

### **ABOVE ALL:**

- Set a good example to my child/children and others when walking or driving.
- Continuously educate my child/children and others about traffic safety and traffic awareness when walking or when driving.
- Be respectful to Traffic Agent/Crossing Guard's/School Officials/ Safety Agents instructions.

## **STUDENT SAFETY PLEDGE**

### **When I am in a car, I pledge to:**

- Buckle my seatbelt
- Ride quietly in my seat
- Wait until the car comes to a complete stop before opening the door
- Exit the car on the non-traffic side
- Offer to hold or turn off the driver's cell phone, or take a message, if asked.
- Remind drivers to keep the promise they made to always put safety first while driving.

### **When I am walking, I pledge to:**

- Only cross at the corners and when the “Walk” sign is lit
- Look both ways before I cross the street
- Never cross between parked cars or school buses
- Make eye contact with the drivers to make sure they see me
- Not use my cell phone while crossing the street
- Not stop to talk or play in the middle of the street