



Mrs. Lackey's Carline Challenge 2017

Students who ride our buses to school have a built-in advantage of a timely arrival; they have plenty of time to unpack their backpacks, hang up their belongings, grab a quick breakfast if needed, and be in their seats ready to roll *before* the bell rings at 7:35am and the Pledge of Allegiance begins immediately afterwards. A timely arrival reduces anxiety and increases a child's confidence in approaching a day filled with academic demands. Let's work together to afford the same advantage to our car riders (and selfishly, to avoid the awkward, confusing moment when a late arrival feels like I'm closing the door in your face...yikes! Sorry!) I deeply appreciate your help keeping all kids safe by reading and adhering to the tips and guidelines below:

- Tip #1: Please be sure to ***pull all the way forward*** to the white painted stop bar on the back lot ***and as close as you can*** to the car in front of you. Even with no one initially behind you, it's amazing how quickly the line fills in. Pulling all the way forward makes a difference of three to five additional cars we can unload at any given time!
- Tip #2: ***Please DO NOT allow children to exit your vehicle until you have cleared the yellow barricade and are safely onto the lot.*** I know it's tempting to sneak them out closer to the doors, and they may even be begging you to do so, but it really slows down the system. More importantly, it puts students at risk by walking near moving cars on the driveway, hopping over mud (or ice) puddles, or entering the building unnoticed by supervising adults. Please help us keep kids safe!
- Tip #3: ***Please honor the 7:20-7:30am drop off window***, and know that when we close the back door, it is not to be impolite but to ensure a safe, supervised arrival *and* allow students time to prepare for their day. As you may have noticed, we head toward the door at 7:29ish and pull the door closed at 7:30ish. However, our generosity is getting the best of us, pushing that time to 7:32 or even 7:33 as more and more cars pull around to the back. This simply does not allow kids to feel ready to learn a short two minutes later. But more importantly, we cannot ensure kids' safety when they are dropped off on the lot and we are already at the door. If you are running late and don't arrive at Pierremont until 7:29 or 30, please proceed to the main entrance and escort your child to the front lobby where you will be greeted by our staff secretary, Kerry Kelly. She manages last-minute arrival for us each day between 7:30 and 7:35am. If the 7:35 bell has already rung, you will need to sign your child in at the front office.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.