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Dear West Parish Families,

This correspondence is to inform you of the transportation patterns and routines for the 2015-2016 school year. You may have heard that the district has increased the number of bus routes for the next two years. There are two primary reasons for this change; safety and efficiency.

The West Parish K-4 campus is in the heart of downtown and the start and end of each day requires us all to work together. The safest and most efficient way to start and end each day is to have the majority of students ride on the school bus. The fewer number of cars dropping off students in the morning the less traffic congestion there will be resulting in reduced risk of traffic accidents with or without pedestrians. The traffic pattern detailed below allows all students to exit onto a sidewalk adjacent to the school and efficiently proceed into the school building.

**Transportation for all students who live in the West Parish catchment area will be provided transportation free of charge** during the transition. Bus transportation is highly recommended, as it is the safest and most efficient mode of transportation in this urban area. **Please return bus applications to the Transportation Coordinator, Kathleen Verga by August 15<sup>th</sup>** so that routes can be reviewed for number of students and timely pick-up, school arrival and the return home in the afternoon. Bus routes for the 2015-2016 school year will be placed on the website and e-mail blasted to parents when they are available.

Busses will drop off and pick students up on **Smith Street**.

This allows students to exit onto a quiet side street and walk with staff escort on a sidewalk directly to the school.



**Pleasant Street –**  
(Blue Arrow)  
Is a one way street,  
heading north.

Students will be dropped off on the left hand side of the street. West Parish staff will assist students exit cars. Drivers must remain in the car and proceed forward immediately after students exit vehicle.

\* Afternoon **pick-up will be at O'Maley Innovation Middle School (near the skate park)** unless coordinated in advance with the principal, Dr. Imel.