

HILLSBOROUGH MIDDLE SCHOOL

Morning Drop-Off

HMS Homeroom starts at 8:30 am.

7:30 - 8:15 am - HMS doors open at 7:30 am for students with supervised study hall in the cafeteria (open to all students). If you must transport your child in the morning, please do so early to avoid traffic and the arrival of school buses. In addition, the cafeteria offers hot and cold breakfast items for sale each morning during this time.

8:05 - 8:30 am - After 8:05 am, all vehicular traffic is directed into the parking lot to use the drop-off lane or parking spaces. Only student buses or other authorized vehicles are permitted on Del Prete Drive which circles the school during this time.

When using the drop-off lane, it is imperative that all cars pull down as far into the lane as possible before stopping to disembark students. Advancing as far down the lane as possible, permits multiple vehicles access to the drop-off zone simultaneously and increases the efficiency of student drop off tenfold. Failure to do so creates hazardous traffic back-ups, delays the arrival of buses and others students, and unnecessarily disrupts the start of school.

Drop-off Do's and Don'ts

- **Do not stop/park your vehicle in the entryway to the lot. Vehicles must either pull into the drop-off lane clear from obstructing the entry way OR pull into any of the many available parking spaces.**
- Never offload students in the entryway to the lot. ONLY offload students when in the drop-off lane or when parked in a parking spot.
- Never park in the drop-off zone blocking the flow of traffic at any time.
- Always advance as far down the drop-off lane as possible to allow additional vehicles access to the lane behind you.
- Always follow the directions of the faculty/staff attendants in the parking lot.
- Always yield to pedestrians.
- Always yield to school buses.

Exiting the Lot:

Parents are encouraged to exit (slowly) via Cardinal Lane to Farm Road at the far end of the lot. This is a much safer route for all concerned providing vehicles access to Triangle Road via the signal light at the intersection with Farm Road.

NOTE: If exiting via the main entrance, note that left turns onto Triangle Road via the main entryway are prohibited by law between 7:00 - 9:00 AM and 2:45 - 4:00 PM. Exiting via Cardinal Lane to Farm Road is a safe and legal approach to accessing the westbound lanes of Triangle Road.

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Afternoon Pick-Up

HMS dismissal occurs at 3:06 pm.

2:45 - 3:15 pm - After 2:45 pm, all vehicular traffic is directed into the main parking lot. Only student buses or other authorized vehicles are permitted on Del Prete Drive which circles the school during this time.

Whenever possible, parents are encouraged to plan pick up of students AFTER 3:15 pm to avoid traffic in the parking lot and the departure of the school buses. Students are free to remain comfortably inside or outside the school as they wish. Pick up at 3:15 pm or shortly thereafter is much, much easier (and faster) for parents and highly encouraged.

On those occasions when it is necessary to pick up your child immediately at dismissal (3:06 pm), parents must use the parking lot. The morning drop-off lane can also serve for pick-up in the afternoon. However, if the drop-off lane is full, then drivers must pull into the parking lot and park vehicles in any of the many designated parking spaces. There are ample parking spaces available at the far end of the lot.

Pick-up Do's and Don'ts

- **Do not stop/park your vehicle in the entryway to the parking lot. Vehicles must either pull into the drop-off lane clear from obstructing the entryway OR pull into any of the many available parking spaces.** Our lot has only one entry point. Stopping or parking your vehicle in the entryway to the parking lot prevents other vehicles (including school buses) from entering and creates a dangerous situation often forcing vehicles into oncoming traffic to get around cars and obstructing the view of students at crosswalks. **It is illegal and dangerous to obstruct the flow of traffic with your vehicle by parking or stopping in the traffic lanes or entryways.** Do not do this.
- Always follow the directions of the faculty/staff attendants in the parking lot.
- Always yield to pedestrians.
- Always yield to school buses.

Exiting the Lot:

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