

Dear St. Gabriel Families,

We, unfortunately, need to remind parents of the do's/don'ts regarding student drop-off/pick-up. We continue to have parents disregard the traffic safety procedures. Since the beginning of school we have had many traffic incidents and a jaywalking child nearly hit.

The safety of our students and families has always been important. As such, all parents are expected to know and follow the traffic safety procedures. These were implemented to address traffic related problems that pose safety hazards as well as greatly inconvenience motorists around the school. Please also share this information with anyone who drops off/picks up your child(ren). ***Please do not feel you can be the exception!***

TRAFFIC PROCEDURES

- **Use the traffic drop off/pick up system (see pg. 2).** During drop off/pick up, we ask that as cars leave the line, the cars behind move up to fill the gap. This helps the flow of traffic on the street. Cars in the drop off/pick up line must also move to let legally parked cars leave. If you do not wish to use this system, then you must legally park your car to drop off/pick up students.
- **No double parking and leaving your car:** We have had several occasions where neighbors, staff and parents legally parked could not leave because they were blocked in by a driver-less double parked car.
- **Parents/students jaywalking:** This is a particularly dangerous practice. With St. Gabriel on the crest of the hill, visibility is limited to both the driver and pedestrian. We have had many near-misses.
- **No students exiting car on street side:** Again, this is very dangerous. Please have students exit/enter cars on the curb side. Visibility is limited and cars must maneuver around them in the street which is dangerous.
- **Stop while students are in the crosswalk - corners at 40th and 41st at Ulloa:** Please be patient! We are doing our best to keep traffic moving. Please stop behind the Stop line and wait until the crossing guards have returned to their corners before proceeding. Parents observing problems with the crossing guards should bring this to the attention of the school.
- **No U-turns around the school:** Cars making u-turns add to the already congested traffic. Parents should drive up on the side of the street they wish to be on or go around the block, if necessary, rather than making u-turns.
- **No parking in school driveway on Ulloa at 40th:** Cars are not to park in the school's driveway on Ulloa at 40th. Cars parked in the driveway block the view of both cars and pedestrians. Cars approaching the intersection cannot see pedestrians coming off the corner and pedestrians cannot see approaching cars.
- **No parking in neighbors driveway:** For the consideration of our neighbors, cars are not to block or protrude into driveways. This is also illegal.

PLEASE PUT THE SAFETY OF ALL BEFORE YOUR OWN CONVENIENCE!

Are you frustrated with traffic? Traffic would greatly improve with more parent help! Parent hours can be earned by helping observe vehicle and pedestrian traffic around St. Gabriel in the mornings and afternoons. This is an easy way for parents who are already at school to earn parent hours. If you would like to volunteer or would like more information on how you can help, please email the Clinic (clinic@stgabrielsf.com) or complete the following and return to the Clinic.

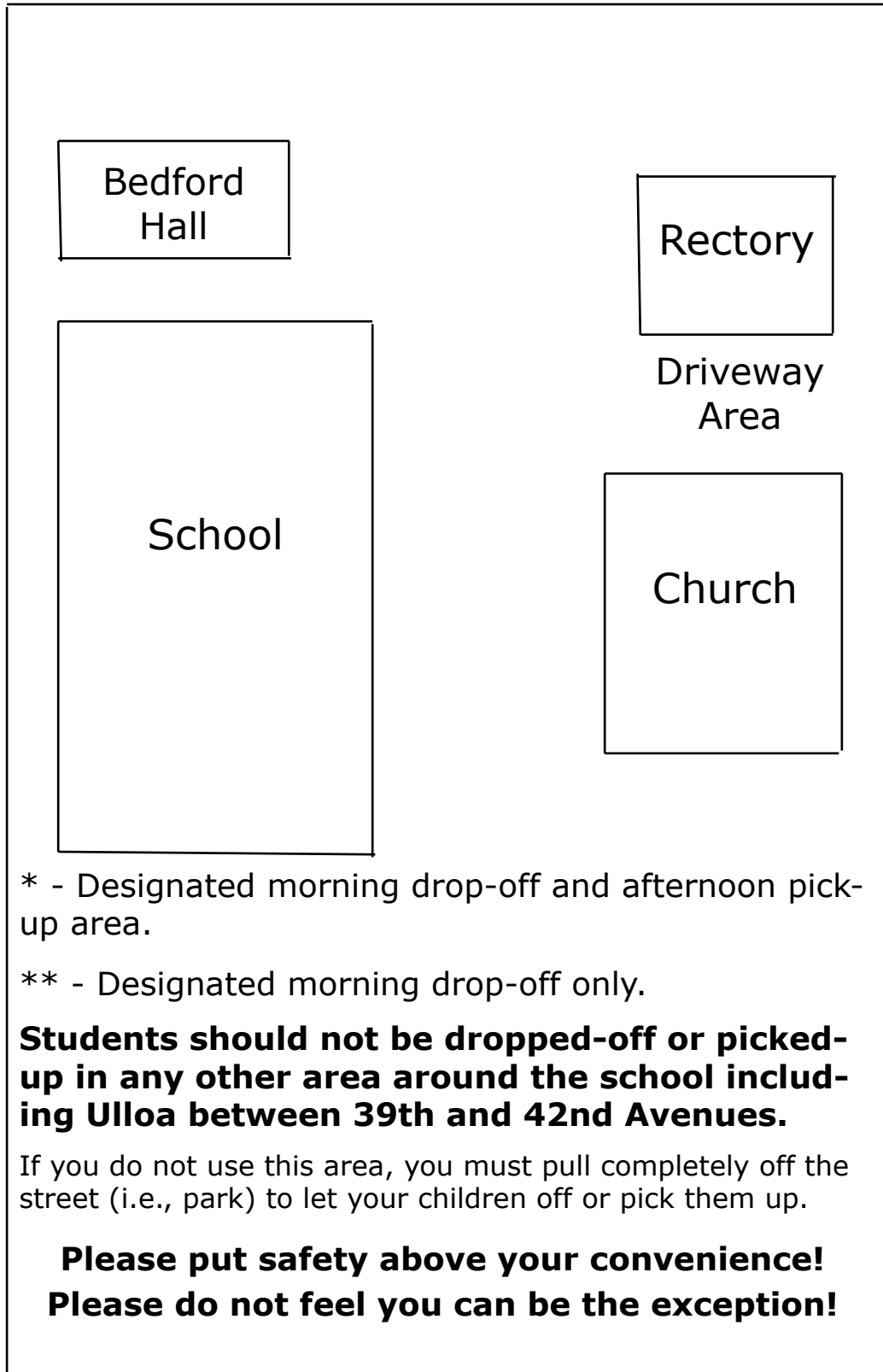
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Student Drop-off/Pick-up Areas

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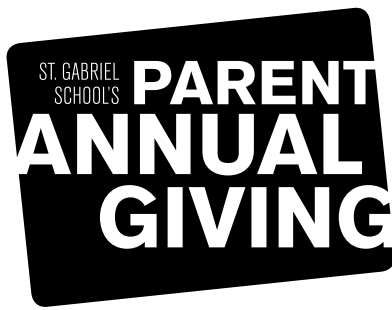
* Morning and afternoon drop off/pick up



** Morning drop off only!

No afternoon double parking! Use 41st Ave. or park your car!

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"LEAD THE WAY" IN ANNUAL GIVING!

The 2015-16 Parent Annual Giving Campaign officially kicks off at the General Parent Meeting on Tuesday, September 29th!

But, you can "Lead the Way" in annual giving!

Several St. Gabriel parents are already making early pledges. You can join them and be a "Lead the Way" donor! Simply make your pledge by September 28th by completing the form below and sending it to school!

AND . . . you can help St. Gabriel School
receive an extra \$10,000.

See 2nd page for more information!

For questions, contact Alice Lawrie, Development Director, sgs@stgabrielsf.com

Yes! We/I would like to "Lead the Way" with an early pledge to 2015-16 Parent Annual Giving.

PART A **We/I pledge** our support of St. Gabriel in Prayer and/or Thought throughout the current school year. *Please pledge your prayers and thoughts for St. Gabriel School whether making a monetary contribution or not.*

PART B **We/I pledge** to St. Gabriel (no funds are required at the time of your pledge):
____\$5,000 ____\$1,200 ____\$600 ____\$350 ____\$150 Other \$_____

My/Our monetary pledged in enclosed. I/We will make payments.

HELP US SAVE PAPER! To receive your acknowledgement by email, please **clearly print** your email address(es) here: _____

Name (please print): _____ Child(ren)'s Grade(s) _____

FAST FACTS about *St. Gabriel Parent Annual Giving*:

Parent Annual Giving is part of a comprehensive program that seeks to secure the necessary support to sustain and advance our school program.

- Our goal is 100% Participation! A pledge of Prayers/Thoughts affords all parents the opportunity to participate in Parent Annual Giving. You pledge your prayers/thoughts for St. Gabriel School throughout the school year in lieu of or in addition to a monetary pledge. See below for more information.
- Monetary contributions are made at a level that suits your situation.
- Your monetary contribution helps keep tuition increases reasonable.
- Your monetary contribution is tax deductible.
- Your monetary contribution may be matched through employer matching gifts programs.

A Pledge of Prayers and/or Thoughts

St. Gabriel is far more than a building. It is a community of people. A pledge of prayers and/or thoughts is a show of care and concern for St. Gabriel and our community. It is support when times are tough, and thankfulness for our blessings. This pledge also affords all parents the opportunity to participate in Parent Annual Giving whether or not a monetary pledge is possible, helping us to achieve our goal of 100% parent participation. As a Catholic School, the benefit of prayer is greatly valued. ***A pledge of prayers and/or thoughts is strongly encouraged for all parents as a means of supporting both St. Gabriel School and Parent Annual Giving.***

What is the “Leading the Way” program?

The “Leading the Way” program is designed to encourage parent participation through early pledges.

- “Leading the Way” parents make an early pledge to the Parent Annual Giving Campaign.
- These early pledges provide a percentage of participation as well as pool of funds that can be presented to all parents at the Fall General Parent Meeting. This initial pool gives parents a base to build on.
- To be a Leading the Way donor, simply submit your pledge by September 28th. Pledge forms can be obtained through the Development Office or complete the form on the reverse.

AND . . . YOU CAN HELP ST. GABRIEL RECEIVE AN EXTRA \$10,000!

The Rocca Family is sponsoring a **\$10,000 Challenge Grant until December 31, 2015!** We can receive these funds in one of the following ways:

- If you participated in Parent Annual Giving last year and increase your donation, the increase amount will be matched!
- If you did not participate last year (including families new to St. Gabriel School this year), your entire donation will be matched!

THIS CHALLENGE IS ONLY AVAILABLE UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2015.

So, please pledge today!

**All families benefit from Annual Giving.
That is why all are asked to participate!**

St. Gabriel Art Program Supply Wish List 2015-2016

- Please contact Esther Lam at esther@pobox.com to let her know what you'd like to order. If an order has already been filled, she will redirect you toward other art needs.
- Please drop off supplies in the Clinic with the label "art program".
- Every \$15 spent= 1 parent hour
- You can also designate a portion of your annual giving to the art program!

Supply Needed	Quantity/size	Color	Suggested Sources	SKU#
Heavy Weight Dual Surface (Paper)	1 Roll- 36"x200"	White	Discount School Supply (DSS)	#50200WH
Colorations Sidewalk Chalk	Classroom Pack- Set of 126	Multi-colored	DSS	# SCPAK
Colorations watercolor sets	1 classroom pack (41 sets)	8 colors	DSS	# WCPAK
Wood craft sticks	Pack of 1000	Plain	DSS	# CRAF
Model Magic Class pack	2 boxes	Multi-colored	DSS	#MMCPACK
Model Magic Class Pack	2 box	White	DSS	# MMWPACK
Crayola Washable Markers	12 packs of 8	Bold Colors	DSS	#WCB
Sharpies	4 packs (Fine Point)	Assorted colors	Office Max, Costco, Amazon, etc.	
Sharpies	3 packs of 12 (Extra Ultra Fine Point)	Black	Office Max, Costco, Amazon, etc.	
Sharpies	4 packs of 12 (Fine Point)	Black	Office Max, Costco, Amazon, etc.	
Air Dry Clay	16 packs (25lb each) 1 per class is needed	Gray	DSS	# CLAY
Air Dry Clay	2 packs (25lb)	Red	DSS	# REDCLAY
Unscented Baby Wipes	2 cases		Costco, Target	

We have a great crew of volunteers this year. If you'd like to join us, please contact:

- Michele Strachowski- strachowski@comcast.net for 5th grade
- Renee McKenna- reneemcknn@yahoo.com for KA and 4th grade
- Esther Lam- esther@pobox.com for KB, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th and 8th grade

Thank you for your support!