



The Scholars' Academy

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Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome back! In an effort to ensure that everyone remains safe, it is imperative that I articulate several safety reminders. First, it is great news that we have been successful in having a traffic device installed on B104 Street. This will ensure that vehicles turning onto Beach Channel Drive are safer than before. Everyone's consistent cooperation is necessary in order to keep the members of our school and community safe. We must work together to ensure that these practices are enforced. I thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation and support.

******* SAFETY REMINDERS *******

Additional Notes to Consider:

1. We have 150 more students this year than last year.
2. We will be dismissing 9th and 10th grades at various times, depending upon the day of the week and student course work to mitigate traffic.
3. We will be dismissing grade 9 through the main exit on B104 Street and grade 10 through the exit on Beach 104 Street and Beach Channel Drive.
4. Most high school students and middle school "walkers" must cross under the elevated trestle at B104 Street to get to Rockaway Beach Boulevard bus stops. Sidewalks and crosswalks are NON-EXISTENT at this location. So please drive carefully.
5. Due to construction there is scaffolding up around the building.

Given these realities, please follow the guidelines listed below:

- Never stop under the El (Rockaway Freeway). It is very dangerous and illegal.
- Scaffolding exists around the building's perimeter, so please mind your speed when driving around the school building. Any vehicle contact with the scaffolding could be extremely dangerous.
- Create a rendezvous point with your child on Beach Channel Drive or Rockaway Beach Blvd. whenever possible.
- Do not double park or park on the hydrant at Beach 104th Street or on Seaside Avenue. It prevents buses from turning down the street and it creates an unsafe crossing situation for our students.
- In the morning, students may be dropped off on Seaside Ave. in front of the playground/park entrance. Do not, under any circumstances, pull up to the school doors, since such space is reserved for our school buses which use that area to pick up or discharge students.
- Never attempt to pick up your child from a line that is assembled to board a bus. Make arrangements to pick them up at a rendezvous point such as Rockaway Beach Boulevard, B104 Street, or on Beach Channel Drive.
- Communicate with your child about pick up arrangements. Inform the main office and if possible include a note or email. Confirm whenever possible.
- No child is permitted to ride a yellow bus that he or she is not assigned to for any reason whatsoever. Do not make plans for your child to go to a friend or relative's house if such would require a different yellow bus. There are no exceptions to this rule.
- Children may only be picked up by people with identification who are on their "Blue Safety Card." Be sure to think ahead so that you include as many individuals as you trust: Family, Sitters, Neighbors, in the event of an issue.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding,

