

Dear Horace Mann Parents,

October 14, 2020

At Horace Mann, our students' safety is one of our top priorities. We are always assessing how our systems and structures are working and looking for ways to improve and ensure our students are safe. As you may have noticed, to help with the morning drop off and afternoon pick up, we have coned off the red zone in front of the school. This has increased the safety in front of the school and within and around the crosswalk.

We have now identified another area of concern that we would like your help with. The east entrance of the church parking lot has become very busy with parents pulling in/out, stopping to drop their student(s) off along with students trying to walk on the sidewalk. With so many cars and their limited view, this could potentially become a dangerous situation for our students.

Starting Monday October 19th, we will be blocking off the east entrance of the church parking lot with cones. We are asking that parents please pull in through the west (bottom) entrance of the church parking lot. You can then drop off your student and loop around the parking lot to exit. We would like to encourage a one way flow in the church parking lot. This would have our parents exit out past the north side of the church and onto Harrison Blvd to exit. This would limit the amount of traffic coming in through the west entrance. Please see the diagram below for an example.

I understand that this change could potentially make some of you have to go around the block to get back home but am asking for your support with this new procedure to help keep our students safe. This will be a short term change, as we know the new school will be opening at the beginning of next year which will eliminate some of the issues that we are facing this year.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Harrison

