

Dear Parents,

In looking forward to the 2016-2017 school year, there are a few changes coming to the school parking lot that we wanted to make you aware of before the school year begins as it greatly affects you and the routines that you are used to.

The school parking lot has always been a challenge, and with a growing population, both students and staff, it has reached its pinnacle and change needs to happen now before someone gets hurt.

In consultation with the City of Fort Saskatchewan, Municipal Enforcement, and the RCMP it has been discussed that **the parking lot and the pick-up/drop-off be closed to the public effective August 2016.** This collaborative decision was made based solely on the safety for the school community as a whole.

We are asking parents to plan ahead this summer, perhaps by devising a plan with your children where your new pick-up and drop-off locations will be etc..., and also allowing yourselves extra time for this transition.

Some suggestions to consider:

- Park across at the SPORTSPLEX and walk your child across the street (or have them cross themselves at the designated cross walks) **PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN WIN FERGUSON MARKED PARKING or THE BUS LANE**
- Park on the streets in designated parking areas, again avoiding **St John XXIII BUS LANE**
- Park on a street behind the school (85a Street) and meet your child on the walking path that connects through to that area
- You may also be able to pick up your children from the playground as there will be supervision for students **until 3:25/3:30 only.**

No doubt this change will take some getting used to; however, I am certain you all understand why. The safety of our school community is of the utmost importance.

Thank you so much for your patience, cooperation, and understanding as we continue to do our best to keep St. John XXIII a safe school community for all.

With gratitude and blessing for a safe and happy summer,

The Staff at St John XXIII

