



Wando High School

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MEMO TO: Wando Parents, Students, Faculty and Staff

FROM: Sherry M. Eppelsheimer, Principal

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SUBJECT: School Traffic Patterns

Traffic at peak periods is likely to be heavy. Please help us provide a safe environment for our students by planning ahead, carpooling, building in extra travel time, being patient, and following all posted road signs and traffic procedures. School buses should be considered as a good option to avoid the car traffic. The Mount Pleasant Police Department will be monitoring the traffic flow and assisting when possible. **Additionally, the Mount Pleasant Police Department will be ticketing or issuing citations to vehicles stopping in the roadways to load or unload students.** Our designated student lots are for student drivers only from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Based on the input of Mount Pleasant Police Department officials, we will implement the following traffic procedures:

MORNING TRAFFIC FROM HIGHWAY 17:

- **TO GET TO THE EAST (PAC/C-D) STUDENT LOT:** Students driving vehicles entering Carolina Park Boulevard from Highway 17 should enter the campus on Warrior Way, the first road on your right after you get on Carolina Park Boulevard. Pass through the open gate and proceed to park. Vehicles coming to campus from the Carolina Park traffic circle should note that the first left is blocked in the morning and the second entrance should be used.
- **TO GET TO THE PARENT DROP-OFF HORSESHOE:** Vehicles entering Carolina Park Boulevard from Highway 17 should enter the campus on Tomahawk Trail, second road on your right after you get on Carolina Park Boulevard, and pass through the open gate. **For safety reasons student drop-off occurs at designated areas only.** The sidewalk which runs the length of the Main Building will serve the front entrance. **Please do not drop students on the sides of the road or in parking lots.**

Note: Perimeter Road traffic will change to one way after the Faculty/Staff Parking lot entrances on the left all the way back to Carolina Park Boulevard.

- **TO GET TO THE WEST (GYM/A-B) STUDENT LOT:** Students driving vehicles entering Carolina Park Boulevard from Highway 17 should stay in the left lane and proceed to the traffic circle in order to turn right on Park Avenue Boulevard. The entrance to the A-B Lot will be the first right, Lucy Beckham Boulevard, after the traffic circle.

MORNING TRAFFIC FROM PARK WEST AREA via PARK AVENUE BOULEVARD:

- **TO GET TO THE EAST (PAC/C-D) STUDENT LOT:** Students driving vehicles entering from Park Avenue Boulevard should stay straight through the traffic circle and pass the baseball and softball fields before turning right on Darrell Creek Road. Vehicles should travel down Darrell Creek to Highway 17 and turn right and then make another right on to Carolina

Park Boulevard. Vehicles should follow the traffic plan from Highway 17 from this point forward.

- **TO GET TO THE PARENT DROP-OFF HORSESHOE:** Vehicles entering Carolina Park Boulevard from Park West via Park Avenue Boulevard should enter the campus on Tomahawk Trail. Using this approach provides more space for vehicles to line up. Turn right at the stop sign, proceed to the interior gate and turn left. This route will lead you to the main entrance of the school. **For safety reasons student drop-off occurs at the front entrance only. Please do not drop students on the sides of the road or in parking lots.**

Note: Perimeter Road traffic will change to one way after the Faculty/Staff Parking lot entrances on the left all the way back to Carolina Park Boulevard.

- **TO GET TO THE WEST (GYM/A-B) STUDENT LOT:** Students driving vehicles entering from Park Avenue Boulevard should proceed to the traffic circle and stay straight on Park Avenue Boulevard. The entrance to the A-B Lot will be the first right, Lucy Beckham Boulevard, after the traffic circle.

EXITING CAMPUS IN THE MORNING:

- **Vehicles exiting the campus from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. via Tomahawk Trail on to Carolina Park Boulevard must turn right.** Vehicles who wish to turn toward Highway 17 should use the traffic circle at Carolina Park/Park Avenue Boulevard to safely change directions. Student drop-off traffic will not be permitted to exit on Warrior Way during this time.

AFTERNOON PICK-UP TRAFFIC:

- Morning traffic is naturally staggered as vehicles and buses arrive over a 30 - 45 minute period. Arriving earlier in the morning will reduce long lines and wait times. Afternoon traffic is more problematic in that buses must have a safe exit route; vehicles picking up students tend to “stack up” before the school day ends, and at 3:35 p.m. nearly 1,000 teen drivers all want to leave immediately. Needless to say, it may take 30 minutes or more to clear the campus.
- All vehicles arriving for student pick-up should enter the campus via Tomahawk Trail. Using this approach provides more space for vehicles to line up. Turn right at the stop sign, proceed to the interior gate and turn left. This route will lead you to the main entrance of the school.
- **Parents wishing to pick up their child before the dismissal bell at 3:35 p.m. should do so no later than 3:00 p.m. to avoid getting in the dismissal traffic.**
- **For safety reasons student pick-up occurs at the front entrance only.** Please do not pick up students from Carolina Park Boulevard or Park Avenue Boulevard or in parking lots. Students **may not** walk across campus to Carolina Park Boulevard or Carolina Park Elementary School to enter vehicles. Please be reminded that **the Mount Pleasant Police Department will be ticketing or issuing citations to vehicles stopping in the roadways to load or unload students.**

- **Vehicles exiting the campus from 3:35 - 4:15 p.m. via Tomahawk Trail on to Carolina Park Boulevard must turn right.** Vehicles who wish to turn toward Highway 17 should use the traffic circle at Carolina Park/Park Avenue Boulevard to safely change directions.

WALKERS:

- Students who live on the west side of campus will be directed to walk off campus through the A-B lots onto Park Avenue Boulevard.
- Students who live on the east side of campus will be directed to walk off campus through the C-D lots onto Highway 17. **Students should not cross Highway 17 at this location.** To cross the highway safely, students should use the manual crosswalk activation button at the intersection of Highway 17 and Carolina Park Boulevard.

OTHER NOTES:

- **Please do not stop and let off or pick up students on Carolina Park Boulevard or on the median of Park Avenue Boulevard. This slows traffic and creates a dangerous traffic situation for drivers and students crossing the street. Mount Pleasant Police Department will be ticketing or issuing citations to vehicles stopping in the roadways to load or unload students.**
- **No parent drop off or pick up is allowed from the C-D lots from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**
- Vehicles may not enter campus from Darrel Creek Trail. The rear parking lot is off-limits to all vehicles except for school buses.
- The Charleston County Library and Carolina Park Elementary School are NO PARKING/NO DROP-OFF ZONES.
- CARTA buses arrive regularly on Carolina Park Boulevard in front of the Center for Advanced Studies. These buses make many stops on Highway 17 between Wando and the Cooper River Bridge. In some cases, students who stay after school may find taking the CARTA bus to a point closer to home is a good option which would save parents time and gas driving to Wando.
- **All student parking on campus is by permit only.** Students who park illegally may be booted or towed and have other disciplinary consequences.

Attachment

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Warrior Way (GREEN) - All buses and students who park in the C-D lots will enter and exit here during arrival and dismissal. **No parent drop off or pick up is allowed from the C-D lots from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Tomahawk Trail (PINK) - All car riders, staff that park in the main parking lot, and students who park in the E lot will enter and exit here during arrival and dismissal. No parent drop off or pick up is allowed from the E lot from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Entrance Road (BLUE) – Students who park in the A-B lots will enter and exit here during arrival and dismissal. No parent drop off after 8:00 a.m. or pick up from the A-B lots. This entrance may be utilized for students to be **dropped off only** for athletic events and practices after 3:30 p.m. **No pick up of students is allowed.**

RED LINE – Represents a manual gate that will be shut during arrival and dismissal to ensure the right people get to the right places.