

## Oh that parking at St. Edmund School

Dear Parents / Guardians,

If you pick your child up at St. Edmund you know how busy the front and side streets can get and you can imagine that I have had a few calls and notes from parents and neighbors regarding that traffic congestion. With a population of 645 students all finishing school at the same time there is simply no easy solution.

Here is what I cannot do:

- Make the road larger
- Pave a drop-off driveway
- Install a one-way road

What is in the plans is a larger staff parking lot to the east of the school. The grass will be paved next summer and will alleviate some parking on the road.

What you can do;

- Pick up your child 15 minutes after the bell either on the long days or short day Thursday. You would be surprised how much room there is right in front of the school at 3:00 pm as opposed to 2:42 pm.
- Pick up your child across the field to the west where our yellow school buses are. While the buses facing north take up most of the block there is room for some parents who want to wait across the street or on the north side. Many students walk out to the bus and there is always admin supervision in the field as students go to the buses.

What I ask of you;

- Please do not park illegally
  - in front of fire hydrants
  - in the crosswalks
  - blocking our school patrols
- Please respect our neighbors and do not park or wait in their driveways, alleyways.
- Please consider one of the alternatives I have suggested.
- Let me know of any other suggestions to help alleviate the parking / pick up problem.

Don Andrews  
Principal

