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Residents and Parents of Chesterfield:

I am asking for your assistance in something that is of the utmost importance; the safety of our Children! It seems that this year we have been hit with some extremely cold weather and some decent amounts of snow, thus far and its only the end of January. With this harsh weather there has been an increase in the amount of parents driving their kids to school or picking them up in the afternoon. Unfortunately; with the increase in traffic there also has been an increase in the number of close calls with drivers not paying attention to the crossing guards and almost hitting some children as they walk to school! Below are some general rules that I request you adhere to.

- Slow down as you approach the crossing guards. If they have their stop sign up you are required to **STOP**, that is for every direction! You are only allowed to proceed when the stop sign is down and the intersection is clear and safe to proceed.
- For the morning drop off (in the school parking lot area), this used to work more efficient, however what we are noticing is that parents are only letting their children out of the car when they get right in front of the all purpose room doors. Parents should be letting their children out starting at the bend near the dumpsters. This will move the line along so much more safely and efficiently, reducing the amount of time you have to wait in line to drop off your children.
- Afternoon pick-ups. There is to be no double parking, or (moving double parking) which is slowly driving waiting for your child to come out and then pick him up right there without being pulled over to the curb. If the front pull off area is full of cars, then you need to find somewhere else to park. There are additional spots along Thorn, Wright, and in the back parking lot off Steed.
- Regardless of the time of day there are certain parking regulations that have to be adhered to:
 - **NO PARKING/ STOPPING/ "JUST WAITING FOR... TO COME OUT" IN THE CIRCLE AT THORN AND SADDLE!** There are 4 signs within the inner part of the circle and one on the outer directly in front of the main entrance that state that.
 - There is no parking within 25 feet of a crosswalk.
 - There is no parking within 10 feet of a fire hydrant.
 - There is no parking within 50 feet of a stop sign.

For those parents that follow the rules of the road and above, I thank you!

For those of you that think what's the big deal or the rules don't apply to me, consider this your warning and you will be issued a summons. We have given out hundreds of warnings to people and unfortunately the problem still is present.

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