



TEANECK COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

You may have noticed this morning's increased police presence at arrival time. Please note that the Teaneck PD advised that there have been a number of complaints received and traffic violations that they have observed while covering crossing guard duties over the course of this week. They increased their presence this morning in response to these concerns - and as part of a department-wide effort to cut down on dangerous traffic incidents at all schools in town. The police department has also asked us to modify some of our arrival procedures, as follows:

Beginning Monday, students of ALL grade levels will be permitted to be dropped off in front of the school, rather than be walked to their grade level entrance. Parents who still want to walk their children may do so, but they MUST find a legal spot on the street (without double parking) before doing so. Instead of entering at the side door on Terhune St., Kindergarten students will enter from the main entrance, where a staff member will be stationed to welcome them and direct them down the hall to their classrooms. All other students should report to their existing entrance door, where staff will still be stationed to welcome them and direct them to homeroom.

Dismissal procedures will remain unchanged, but parents MUST REMEMBER that they may not double park or make illegal U-turns when picking up students. Parents must also refrain from parking in or driving through the lot of the apartment complex at the end of Terhune St.

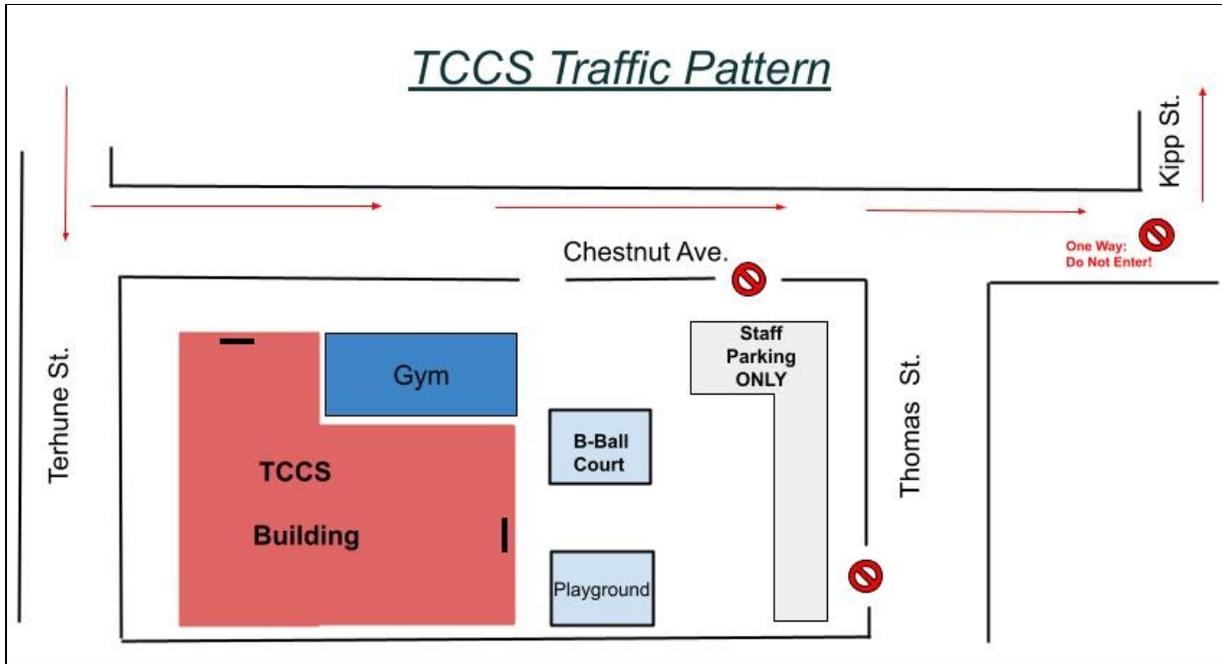
The police have asked us to share that if parents continue to violate traffic rules, they will have no choice but to continue to issue tickets. We do not want this to be the case, so I am asking all parents to please follow all traffic and parking laws, to be mindful of these updates, and to continue to follow the basic arrival / dismissal rules that I shared earlier this year:

1. STUDENTS MAY NOT ARRIVE AT THE BUILDING PRIOR TO 8:15AM

Please do not drop students off prior to then, as supervision is not provided.

2. PLEASE FOLLOW THE APPROPRIATE ONE-WAY TRAFFIC PATTERN

As shown on the following map, vehicles should come down Terhune and turn left on Chestnut in front of the building. Vehicles should NOT approach the school on Chestnut from the other direction. When dropping off in front of the school, please pull ALL THE WAY UP and do not get out of your car.



3. **STUDENTS MAY ONLY CROSS AT THE CROSSING GUARD / CROSSWALK**
Please do not walk your children across the street at any other location. You must park legally (not on a yellow curb or blocking any driveway) and walk them to the crosswalk.

4. **AT DISMISSAL, THERE IS TO BE NO PARKING OR STANDING OF ANY VEHICLES ON THE YELLOW CURB IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL**
The front of the school is for *busses only* at dismissal. Parents must find legal street parking on a surrounding street and walk to pick up their child(ren) if they haven't granted permission for them to walk home or to their car.

Our school community's continued adherence to these rules and the traffic and parking laws of the township will go a long way towards ensuring the safety of our students, staff, families, and neighbors. Thank you for your cooperation and have a great weekend!

Best Regards,

Ralph Gallo

Lead Person / Director