

Good Shepherd Catholic School Traffic and Parking Guidelines



Good Shepherd Parents/Guardians:

With our large school population, ensuring student safety remains a top priority. Clear traffic guidelines are essential, and key areas are marked with street signage and pylons to guide drivers.

Please review the following information and follow the established guidelines to help maintain the highest level of safety for your child and all students. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. **Thank you, in advance, for choosing safety over convenience.**





Crosswalk
No parking within 5 m

Adjacent Alley: NO PARKING

Staff Parking
No Entry

AM/PM: Turn-around for buses ONLY

Crosswalk
No parking within 5 m

AM: Drop-off Area
PM: No Parking Area

No Entry

Crosswalk
No parking within 5 m

NO JAYWALKING (please choose safety over convenience and use the crosswalks)

Traffic and Parking Guidelines:

1. Due to traffic flow and student safety, **from 8:30 am – 8:50 am and after school, the front turn-around is for buses only.** It is closed to all other vehicles during these times.

2. **The bus zone on the main street in front of the school is a NO PARKING zone.** In the morning, parents are asked to keep traffic moving by using this area to STOP, DROP OFF and GO.

3. **The alley adjacent to the school is not a parking lot.** There is no parking in alleyways. People are driving into the alley, parking their cars, and then leaving them to go and pick up their children. There is also double parking that is occurring. This practice not only creates a traffic jam and is disruptive to our neighbours, but it is a huge safety issue in that it reduces the visibility of students walking through the alley.

4. **Parents are also asked not to drive into the staff parking lot to drop off or pick children up or to park.** The staff parking lot is completely full and there is no extra parking or room for cars to turn around.

5. **CROSSWALKS: Please use the crosswalks when crossing the street; if you are jaywalking with your children, you are reinforcing dangerous habits with them.** For your safety, please do not walk through the drive-through either, unless you are where the patrollers are stationed. It can be very busy with traffic. Patrollers are stationed there in the morning and after school and have the huge responsibility of crossing children safely. Please be a role-model for your children and only cross when the patrollers communicate to you that it is safe to do so.

6. **Parking in Crosswalk Zones: Cars cannot park in crosswalk zones. This includes the two crosswalks in front of the school and the one behind the school on Dechene Road.** This creates an extremely dangerous situation for pedestrians, which are your children, since it blocks the line of vision of oncoming traffic. **City of Edmonton bylaws state that there is no parking within 5 metres (16 feet) on either side of a marked crosswalk.**

7. **Neighborhood Parking:** Please respect our neighbourhood community and refrain from parking illegally, in front of driveways or creating parking spots in the middle of cul-de-sacs.

8. There is absolutely no walking between school buses. Please use the main road crosswalks and front turn-around crosswalk.

Proactive Habits:

- U-turns and jaywalking are both unsafe and illegal within the school zone.
- Families living nearby are encouraged to walk, bike, or carpool whenever possible to reduce traffic congestion.
- Avoid blocking driveways—consider parking a bit farther away and plan routes with safety and consideration in mind.
- To ease morning and dismissal traffic, parents of students in Grades 4-6 are encouraged to drop off and pick up their children a block away from the school.
- Reduce speed! The school zone speed limit is 30 km/h.
- Traffic is heaviest between 8:30 - 8:50 am and 3:20 - 3:40 pm. Arriving earlier may help avoid congestion. Supervision begins at 8:35 am, and during inclement weather (e.g., rain or temperatures below -20°C with windchill), students are welcome inside the school.

As parents/guardians, **we can all contribute** in some way to ensure safety and improve traffic flow around the school and surrounding area.

Safety is everyone's responsibility.

We welcome your questions, comments, concerns, and input, regarding parking and traffic safety here at Good Shepherd.

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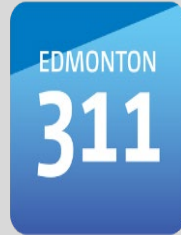
Traffic concerns both at the school, and in the community, can also be reported to the City of Edmonton and EPS.

Edmonton 311

Phone: 311

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Edmonton Police Service

Phone: 780-423-4567 or #377