

The first day of school is the busiest traffic day of the year around the MIS and HPMS campuses! There are many new students, which means many drivers learning the "rules of the road" on the first day. The following hints will help you survive the first day of school:

- Want to walk your student in the first day? Arrive before 7:45 a.m. to find parking and get in the building.
- Want an even better alternative? Ride your bike to school with your student! There is ample bike parking on Granada by the fifth- and sixth-grade entry.
- Think there are more cars than you've ever seen in your life? The second day of school is better! Athletics begin for many older students, student carpools begin and help lower the number of cars around the school, and more than 100 students walk or ride their bikes.
- Feel like you'll never get out of the gridlock? Wait four minutes, and every road will clear like magic.

What is a queue lane?

Good question! These are the traffic lanes that are directly next to the building on all sides of the campus. The middle lanes are for moving traffic only, and are never used to load or unload. What are the rules of the carpool queue lanes?

- Pull as far forward as possible before stopping. Your student will be fine walking an extra 10 yards to get in the building - we promise!
- Prompt your students to have their backpacks ready, shoes on, breakfasts eaten, and goodbyes said as you enter the queue lane so they can exit the car immediately upon stopping.
- Don't try and watch your child walk in the building from a queue lane – you'll hold up the entire line of traffic.
- Queue lanes start at the intersections around the campus - don't cut the queue lane.

"You're not doing it right!" - or - How to keep from getting a ticket:

- Don't touch that phone! "Hands free" cell phones in the school zone mean that you can talk on a blue tooth or speaker phone, but you cannot touch the phone to dial, talk, e-mail or text.
- The circle drive in front of the school is only for those that need special access to the building. You must have an access pass to enter the circle drive during carpool hours.
- Never drop your student in the moving middle lanes of traffic!