



EASTSIDE CATHOLIC

TRAFFIC FLOW, SAFETY AND PARKING POLICY

We appreciate your cooperation with our parking and traffic flow policies on campus to maximize efficiency and safety for our community.

Driveway Entry: Use Both Lanes

The campus entrance features two lanes separated by white plastic lane dividers. If you're turning right from 228th, please stay in the right-hand lane until the lane merges into one. Drivers in the left lane, please be courteous and allow vehicles to merge smoothly into the flow of traffic.

No Left Turns During Peak Hours (Peak Hours are 7:30 – 9 a.m. and 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.)

To help maintain smooth traffic flow, left turns into or out of parking lots are NOT permitted during peak hours. During these times, only right-hand turns are allowed when entering or exiting parking lots (see map). While this may add a few extra seconds to your route, it significantly reduces congestion and helps keep traffic moving efficiently for everyone.

Student Parking

As you drive into campus, Senior parking is the North lot on the left side, and the Employee, Visitor and Non-Senior Student parking is located on the South lot on the right side (see map).

All students who wish to park at school must first apply for a parking permit. This includes registering your vehicle(s) and submitting the permit fee. Parking permit priority is given to seniors and juniors, and additional priority will be given to carpooling students. Carpools are defined as two students of the same family (siblings) or two or more students from different households sharing a ride. Only one parking pass is awarded to each student, each family or each carpool. Once awarded a parking permit, students must park only in the lot assigned to them based on their parking permit.

Senior Parking Lot (North Lot)

During peak hours, senior parking lot drivers must follow a designated route to enter the North lot by continuing straight past both South Lot entrances, follow the inside lane around the flagpole circle and then turn right into the North parking lot. **Left turns into the North Lot are not permitted during peak hours.** At the end of the school day, seniors must exit the North parking lot with a right-hand turn to maintain traffic flow.

Employees, Visitors, Parents, Guardians and Non-Senior Students Parking Lot (South Lot)

Employees, parents, guardians, visitors and non-senior students must enter the parking lot using the first right turn upon arrival. During peak hours, all vehicles exiting the South parking lot must turn right out of the parking lot and follow the inside lane of the flagpole circle to exit campus. **Left turns are not permitted during peak times** to maintain a safe and efficient traffic flow.

Visitor Parking Spaces (South Lot)

All parents, guardians and visitors have designated parking spaces in the South Lot. Upon arrival, please register your car at the Front Desk. Please note vehicles parked illegally in the Visitor Lot during school hours will be subject to fines.

Follow the Instructions of our Traffic Guides

At certain times of the day, members of our staff, faculty and volunteers will be serving as traffic guides to help keep traffic moving smoothly and safely. Please be respectful, courteous and follow their instructions - they are here to help everyone get where they need to go safely and on time.

Vehicles Should Not Enter or Cross the Bridge

Parents, guardians, students, athletes and coaches should never drive across the bridge unless a parking spot has been reserved for their use in advance. All visitor parking is located in the South Lot.

Parking near the school building is reserved exclusively for campus guests to campus such as prospective families, donors and vendors. ADA-designated parking spaces may only be used by vehicles displaying a valid state-issued ADA placard or license plate.

Only Park in Designated Areas

Parking outside of clearly marked stalls anywhere on campus is strictly prohibited. Many driving areas are designated as fire lanes and stopping in these zones is not allowed, even if you remain inside your vehicle. Vehicles improperly parked are subject to ticketing, towing and impoundment at the owner's expense.

Please Be Courteous

When dropping off students, please pull into the curb lane. The inner lane around the flagpole circle must always remain clear for thru traffic. Drive slowly, stay alert and be mindful of pedestrians in the area. To keep traffic flowing and ensure everyone's safety, we ask that drivers remain in their vehicle during drop-off and pick-up times and that all students exit the vehicle on the curb side.

If your student is learning to drive, please do not switch drivers anywhere along the driveway. The South parking lot is the safest place for this activity, allowing both driver and passenger to exit the vehicle without disrupting the traffic flow. Similarly, if your student needs to unload a backpack, project or other items from the vehicle, please use the South lot to avoid delays in the drop-off lane. We ask that students and parents or guardians driving to school follow general "courtesy of the road" rules.

We kindly ask all students and families to follow "general road courtesy" while on campus. Your cooperation helps traffic move smoothly and ensures a safe environment for everyone.

No Cell Phones

Using a phone while driving—whether talking or texting—is a primary offense in the State of Washington, meaning you can be ticketed for that alone. Please, for the safety of our community, respect the cell phone law on our campus and wait to use your phone until you bring your vehicle to a complete stop. Thank you!

ADA Parking and Fire Lanes

ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) parking stalls are reserved exclusively for vehicles with a valid state-issued placards or ADA license plates.

Fire Lanes are indicated by **red** curbing as well as “Fire Lane No Parking” stenciled on designated asphalt areas. These zones must remain clear at all times for emergency access.

ADA and Fire Lane Compliance Reminder

Eastside Catholic is required to keep these ADA-designated parking stalls and Fire Lane areas clear at all times. These areas are reserved for emergency access and vehicles with proper authorization.

Any space not clearly marked as a parking spot must remain unobstructed to allow access for emergency and commercial vehicles. As part of our responsibility to maintain these areas, Eastside Catholic will report violations to Sammamish Police for enforcement.

Please be aware: Violations of ADA or Fire Lane regulations are subject to a \$250 fine, towing and impoundment of your vehicle at your expense. Our staff and security officers have been instructed to contact law enforcement of violations for the safety of our community. We ask all drivers to respect these guidelines and avoid making choices that prioritize convenience over the safety and accessibility of others.

Please be respectful of members of our community!

To ensure accessibility, safety and a welcoming environment for all, please observe the following policies:

ADA and Fire Lane Access

Violation of these policies can make it impossible for disabled persons to attend events at EC.

Visitor Parking

“Reserved Visitor” spaces are intended for prospective families, vendors, donors and other legitimate visitors. These spaces are reserved for EC Faculty and full time Staff after hours, and on weekends.

Athletics Parking

Student-athletes and coaches are not permitted to park at the upper turn-around nor in the reserved parking spaces. All athletic parking must occur in the lower lots, with individuals walking up to the school.

Student Pickup Procedure

If you are waiting to pick up your student, please do so in the parking lots or in the traffic circle. Waiting in reserved stalls, service areas or fire lanes is strictly prohibited. If vehicles are found stopped in these areas, staff or security will ask you to relocate your vehicle to a proper waiting area.

Auction Parking Spaces

Reserved Auction Spaces have been paid for by families making a generous donation to the school by families and are always exclusively for use by the designated family. These spaces are not available for use by any other vehicles.

Deliveries

If you are delivering heavy or bulky items to the school, you may use the loading dock for up to 20 minute maximum. After unloading, please move your vehicle to the main parking lot.

Fines

- ADA violation: \$250
- Fire Lane Violation: \$250
- Please note that compound infractions may increase cost of tickets

Thank you for considering the needs of others here at EC!

