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Community, Curriculum, and . . . Traffic | August 15, 2023

Dear Archway Scottsdale Community,

I look forward to welcoming our Kindergarten and 1st Grade Parents to Curriculum Night this evening from 5:00 to 6:30pm. We will begin our time together in the MPR with a short opening session for the first 30 minutes. Our next half hour will be spent in the classrooms, hearing from your students' Lead and Assistant Teachers regarding the concepts and methods they will study together for the coming year. The PSO then invites you to an optional reception in the MPR for parents, faculty, and staff to mingle together and dream worthy dreams of how to make this school the best place for our students to know, love, and practice that which is true, good, and beautiful. We will then host two subsequent Curriculum Nights next week. One for 2nd and 3rd Grade Parents on Tuesday, August 22 and one for 4th and 5th Grade Parents on Thursday, August 24. Each Curriculum Night will have an identical opening session. Parents with students in multiple grade levels are encouraged to attend the opening session of their youngest child.

I would also like to take this opportunity to announce a small but important change in our traffic patterns for morning carpool. We have always encouraged those traveling north on 94th Street to avoid turning left into the southern entrance to the Archway Scottsdale parking lot, as this significantly disrupts the traffic flow of those entering and those exiting our parking lot. We continue to ask that families enter our parking lot by traveling southbound rather than northbound on 94th Street. Although I usually come to campus well before 7:30, I observed this practice two times in the last two weeks and in both instances the procedure did not add more than three minutes to my commute. While this is a mere continuation of previous practices, what is changing is that I am calling our ACS Faculty and Staff to the same practice as our ACS Parents. Historically, we have allowed faculty and staff arriving after 7:30 to turn left into the parking lot while asking parents not to do so. I do not think this is a just practice, as our parents are experiencing the same rush to their morning commute as faculty are experiencing. Moving forward, faculty and staff will also enter the parking lot going southbound on 94th Street in the same line of traffic as the parents and students. Those who would like to avoid this practice are encouraged to arrive on campus prior to 7:30. As faculty partner with parents in this way, I also ask that the parents renew their partnership with us by patiently observing proper procedure during Morning and Afternoon Carpool. This consistent commitment to rowing in the same direction together is the highest level impact that we can pull to ensure smooth traffic flow and a quicker morning and afternoon carpool for all ACS constituents.

Sometimes community is messy, and sometimes it involves integrating the high-minded ideals of a classical curriculum with the daily chores of traffic procedures. That said, I think a proper appreciation of life together leads to the inescapable conclusion that these two elements always coexist in the midst of a healthy community. It is a pleasure and a joy to practice both aspects of that paradox with you each day as we cultivate community partnerships in service to our students.

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