

Falcon Families,

Thank you for the great turn out at our Orientation Events. This communication is dedicated to transportation and the traffic patterns in and around Freedom Crossing Academy.

We have attached five illustrated pictures to help with the traffic flow. Please know it is our goal to move things along in a manner that is a safe and as quick as possible.

Students are allowed to enter the building at 8:05am.

Instruction begins at 8:30am. Students will be tardy if they have not entered the building by 8:30am.

Dismissal begins at 2:50pm (1:50pm on Wednesdays)

Adjacent Parking Lots – For the safety of our students we will be closing off the entrance to the adjacent parking lot that is used for the county athletic fields.

Buses – We attached the bus pattern for your information. Several of our buses will have ‘double runs’ so please allow them priority as they move in and out of our campus. As our attendance zone is relatively small, these bus rides should be fairly short. Everyone on the other side of Longleaf Pine Pkwy from the school is an eligible bus rider. For safety reasons, the district is providing bus service rather than have the students walk or ride a bike across Longleaf Pine.

Parent Drop Off and Pick Up – Parents should follow the same pattern in the morning and the afternoon. Please be careful as you wind around the parking lot; the first turn in is very tight. Please refrain from cell phone use while in this line.

Morning Drop Off – Your child should only exit the passenger side of the car. Patrols and adults will help your child exit the car. If needed, we will assist your child to class or into the building. You can help everyone by having your child ready to exit the car when it is their time to exit.

Afternoon Pick Up – As you wind through the parking lot you will be greeted by a staff member. Please have the car tag displayed in your window with the GRADE and FIRST NAME of your child(ren). Your child(ren) will be called to wait for you at a numbered cone. The Staff member will signal to you which cone you should expect to pick your child(ren) up at. As the school year progresses and we get our systems in place, we may remove part of the fence in this area to allow more cars to be accessed at a time. This will go slow at first, but it will improve. Please note that these are the last students called in our staggered dismissal.

Extended Day –

Morning Drop Off – Morning Care will take place in the cafeteria. Students may be dropped off at the entrance to the cafeteria in the morning. Please see the blue traffic pattern on picture. Please note that you may be sharing this pattern with buses. If you arrive during a time when the buses are using this area, you may want to avoid this area and use the regular drop off area. If this is a problem, please contact a member of administration. We want to avoid cars and buses in this area at the same time.

Afternoon Pick Up – All afternoon Extended Day pick Ups will be out of the front office. Please see the yellow traffic pattern on picture.

Bikers and Walkers – Bikers and walkers should only be entering from the ball field side of the school. Once construction is over, we will address bikers and walkers entering from the other side of the school. They will follow the yellow lines around the ball field parking lot to the bike rack. The red dots represent cones to move traffic away from this area. We will also have a staff member monitoring this area. Florida law requires all bikers to wear a helmet.

Golf Carts – We have had a couple questions concerning the use of golf carts when transporting children to and from school. Unless the golf cart is registered as a ‘slow moving vehicle’ and is licensed, the sheriff’s office has deemed it illegal for use on Shetland Drive or adjacent sidewalks.

We hope you have found this useful and will help us all navigate this area.

Thank you and please be safe.