



**Rollin', Rollin', Rollin',
Keep that Carpool Rollin'**

Dear Parents,

In an effort to improve the efficiency of afternoon Carpool, we are going to make a few adjustments that will begin during this FRIDAY AFTERNOON CARPOOL time. The goal is this: we want your students to be already on the sidewalk in the order of the cars in carline by the time you reach the driveway immediately in front of the buildings. As you have probably noticed, the time we are losing is that spent by your children walking down from the breezeway while your car is already in front of the buildings or by hunting for children who did not see their cars. We want the students ready to "load up and head out" when you stop. Here are the steps to make this happen.

1. Please have the children's LAST NAME, and the last names of any other families you are picking up, displayed in the passenger side windshield. (If it is a common last name, please add the first name of the oldest child.)
2. A teacher will be at the entry point of the drive on Morton with a walkie-talkie calling those names back to someone in the building.
3. Each carpool's name or names will be called out over the loudspeaker. Hence the students will have to be listening.
4. Having been called, the students will file down and walk to the west (their right) on the sidewalk, forming a line from west to east.
5. When the lead car has reached the front of the line and all cars have followed and stopped, the students will get into their cars, more or less already aligned to the order of the carline. Another line waiting behind those students will then step forward. Please **do not stop prematurely** but rather follow the directions of the teachers working the line.
6. If the students of a particular ride are not ready for some reason, the driver will still have to pull forward and into the parking space available to the right.
7. To get afternoon carpool "rollin'," we have (for now) three songs featuring that theme that we shall play to kick off carpool: "Proud Mary" (CCR or Ike and Tina), "Roll on, Mississippi" (Charlie Pride), and "Rawhide" ("Rollin', Rollin', Rollin' . . . Keep them doggies rollin'.")

At no school is carpool ever fun. The simple equation is, the more students, and the fewer the students who share rides, the longer wait in the afternoon carpool line. The good news is we have over 500 students this year at the upper-school campus. The not-so-good news is that 200+ cars descend on the campus every day between 3:15 and 3:45. We hope to make this experience as efficient as possible, and that may require a little practice. Thank you for your help.

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Headmaster