

## TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REGULATIONS

As a junior elementary school, serving children between the ages of 5 to 8 years old, it is important that we consider transportation and pedestrian safety onsite and in the surrounding school area. More children are being driven to school today than in the past. As a result, transportation facilities at and around schools cannot sustain safety as originally planned when the school building was first built in the early 1960s.

Following are school traffic and pedestrian safety tips for Sherbrooke Academy Junior parents, children and staff. All signs and pavement marking that outline safe driving practices must be respected.

### Access to Property is limited to School Busses from 8:00 – 8:10 and 14:40 – 14:50



Traffic congestion is at peak between 8:00 to 8:10 and 14:40 to 14:50. During these two - ten minute intervals access to the school property is limited to school busses only. Fewer cars accessing school premises reduces conflicts between pedestrians and vehicle traffic. Cars can access school premises before and after these ten minute intervals for quick school business.

To avoid being caught during high traffic peak time, we encourage parents to use daycare services before 8:00 and pick-up children from daycare services after 14:55.

Families with school transportation eligibility are asked to use these services. ***If you must drive your children to school, park legally on a street near the school and walk to school.***

### Pedestrian Are to Use the Marked Cross-Walks and Cross Guard Services



Pedestrians are asked to use the sidewalk across the street from the school and to use the marked white crosswalks and the services of cross-guard, Ms. Annie Desrochers. The cross-guard is stationed at the corner of Forest and Sherbrooke Streets. The cross-guard is on duty in the morning before school starts, lunch-time and after school.

Parents should teach children to look left, right, and left again and always make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street. Making eye contact is an important part of ensuring that the driver has seen the pedestrian and intends to stop. Pedestrians should continue watching for traffic as they cross the street. It is important for children to learn not to assume that all drivers will stop.

### Access the School Using the Staircase Facing Forest Street at the Cross-guard Post



To access the school, kindly use the staircase facing Forest Street, where the cross-guard is posted. (The cross-guard is on duty in the morning between 7:30 - 8:30; lunch, between 11:30 – 12:20; and school dismissal 14:00 – 15:00.) Stay on the sidewalk on school premises. To cross from the sidewalk to the access the school, kindly use the yellow pedestrian lines. Between 8:00 to 8:10 there is a teacher supervising this area.



### Student Entry and Dismissal at School Gate



Morning student entry and after school dismissal is at the school gate (facing Forest Street). Parents can walk their children to the gate in the morning. After school the children will be dismissed from this gate and parents can meet their children here. Parents are not permitted in the schoolyard. Parents having school business, are to access the school through the main entrance. Between 8:00 to 8:10 there is a teacher supervising this area and there is a teacher supervising the school door entry.

### Vehicles Accessing the School



***There is no access to vehicles between 8:00 to 8:10 and 14:40 to 14:50.*** During these two - ten minute intervals access to the school property is limited to school busses only. Outside these ten minute intervals cars accessing the school premises are to use the left lane. For school business less than 15 minutes cars can be parked to the right of the

left lane and access the main school entrance or daycare. The school parking lot is restricted for school personnel only. Parents and visitors are to park along the school vicinity streets.

### Emergency Lane



The Emergency Lane is to the right. This lane is to be kept cleared at all times. Only school busses are permitted to use this lane to drop-off and pick-up children using the bus services. There is a teacher on bus duty at 8:00 and 14:30.

### Handicap Parking



Parking spaces identified by this pictogram are reserved for the disabled people.



## Speed Limit



### 30 km per hour in school and playground speed zones

Travel at 30 km/hour or less in school zones and playground zones. Travelling at this speed or less near a school or playground increases the driver's ability to stop his/her vehicle in order to allow a child to cross the street safely.

## No Parking Zone

Do not park in a "No Parking" zone. Stopping briefly to drop off or pick up a passenger is permitted; however, waiting in your vehicle or leaving it unattended is not allowed. By parking in a "No Parking" zone, a driver could cause traffic congestion or an accident, and may obstruct the visibility of other drivers or pedestrians.



## No Stopping Zone

Do not stop at a "No Stopping" zone for any reason. These zones are areas where a stopped vehicle could obstruct the visibility of drivers and pedestrians and increase the likelihood of a traffic collision. The following "No Stopping" zones may or may not have signs:

- Within 2 meters of a driveway;
- Within 5 meters of a fire hydrant;
- Within 6 m of a crosswalk; and
- Within an intersection.



## Parking off School Property

Public parking is found on Forest and Hollis Roads, along with Rowan Road. Kindly ensure to respect all city bylaws. There is also parking at Heights Park, which can be accessed through Westcroft and Park Road. From Heights Park there is a pedestrian pathway that leads to the school parking lot.

