

“Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine.”
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To all our AB Moms out there - Happy (belated) Mother's Day! While most outside activities were washed away, there were many ways to give our moms a day of relaxation. I hope everyone enjoyed the weekend.

MCAS Testing is once again upon us. During this last MCAS session for the year, grade seven students will take the History tryout and Math sections while grade eight students will take the Math and Science sections. As always, we ask parents to help us make the day successful by making sure that all students are well rested, have had a good breakfast, and arrive on time.

Tuesday night, beginning at 7:30PM, is the Spring Choral Concert. The students have been preparing all year for this fantastic event. You don't want to miss it!

While I recognize that the wonderful Seattle weather we have been experiencing has made many of us a tad impatient, we still need everyone to follow the school rules regarding the picking up and dropping off of children at school. There have been quite a few times that cars have blocked buses, and of greater concern, times where students were narrowly missed by cars picking up or dropping off other students. All of these situations are avoidable if everyone follows the policies of the school. In an effort to ensure everyone's safety, please read and follow the rules listed below:

1. The front entrance loop is for buses only between 7:00AM – 7:45AM and 1:45PM – 2:30PM. Other vehicles are not to enter the loop during these times.
2. Student drop off and pick-up is allowed at the bottom of the steps in the lower parking lot only. *This lot is located east of the building, behind the tennis courts, just off Charter Road. Please pay particular attention to students entering and/or exiting cars when driving through this area.*
3. Parents are asked to enter and exit the parking lot via Charter Road, not Mass. Avenue (Route 111). *Driving through the campus during bus drop off and pick-up interferes with the buses and causes unnecessary traffic problems.*
4. Students are not to be dropped off in front of the Blanchard gym or in the parking lot on the west side of the building. *Again, doing so interferes with our school buses and causes unnecessary traffic problems.*

5. Parent parking is only allowed in the lower lot and in the visitor spaces off the front loop. *Please note that these visitor spaces are for short term parking only.*
6. Cars are not to be parked – momentarily or otherwise – in the front loop area except in a visitor's space.
7. Lastly, please remember not to pass the busses. *While I am sure you never do, the frequency of this occurring is surprisingly high.*