

Pitt Meadows Secondary School Notice: Traffic & Student Parking

Date: August 28, 2026
To: PMSS Students, Parents, and Guardians
Subject: Important Update: Student Parking and Traffic Procedures Due to Construction

Please be advised that parking availability on the PMSS grounds has been *significantly* reduced as a result of ongoing school construction and recent reconfiguration of the school's parking areas.

Parking capacity has decreased from more than 160 spaces to approximately 120 spaces. This reduction, combined with ongoing construction activity, will have a significant impact on parking and traffic flow around the school.

Given the limited number of available parking spaces, and the need to accommodate an average of 107 staff members on site each day as well as district personnel, contractors, and authorized visitors, all available parking spaces must be reserved for operational needs.

What You Need to Know

➔ NEW - No Student/Parent Parking available in the School's Staff Parking Lot

Current parking capacity is required to support school operations, staff parking, and authorized visitors. *Should parking availability change in the future*, the school will communicate any updates to students and families.

➔ NEW - No Student Drop-Off or Pick-Up in the School's Staff Parking Lot

To ensure the safety of students, staff, and visitors, and to maintain access to limited parking spaces, **student drop-off and pick-up will NOT be permitted anywhere within the staff parking lot.** New signage will be installed, and families are asked to please respect these restrictions at all times.

Use the East-End Drop-Off Loop

To help reduce traffic congestion around the school due to ongoing construction and high traffic volumes, we *strongly* encourage parents/guardians who drive their students to arrange drop-off and pick-up locations away from the school whenever possible. Alternatively, families may use the designated pull-through/drop-off loop located at the east end of the school. This loop is intended for active loading and unloading only. Please note that student and parent parking is not permitted in this area.

Increased Traffic and Congestion

Students and families should expect heavier traffic volumes and longer delays along 116th Avenue and around the school during peak morning arrival and afternoon dismissal times. We encourage everyone to allow extra travel time and exercise patience during the first weeks of school.

Safety First

Please be mindful of construction activity, temporary fencing, changing traffic patterns, and posted directional signage. Watch carefully for pedestrians, cyclists, construction vehicles, and other traffic around the school site.

Alternative Transportation Options

Because on-site parking is now unavailable for students, we strongly encourage students to consider alternative transportation options:

- **Walk or bike** whenever possible using local sidewalks, pathways, and cycling routes. **please note that there is a new gravel walking path on the far west-side of the construction zone that goes between the school and the Pitt Meadows Athletic Park. Please keep to the designated walking area and do not cross into the construction area at any time.
- **Use Public Transit** whenever feasible (there are several bus stops in the surrounding area).
- **Park Responsibly Offsite** if using nearby public streets. Please obey all City of Pitt Meadows parking regulations and be respectful of neighbouring residents. Do not block driveways, fire hydrants, or intersections – be mindful of the 3 metre clearance bylaw.

Looking Ahead

We will continue to monitor parking and traffic impacts throughout the construction period. If circumstances change and student parking becomes feasible in the future, that information will be communicated promptly through the school and Parent Portal.

Thank you for your patience, understanding, and cooperation as we work together to maintain a safe and efficient school environment during this period of construction and change.

Best regards,

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