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Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The City of Palos Verdes Estates has taken additional steps to limit parking around Palos Verdes High School. Parking on Paseo Del Mar will now be restricted as well as the south side of Cloyden Road. A map of the "Restricted Parking Zone" (RPZ) around the high school has been posted on Edline and the school's web site (www.pvhigh.com).

Parking is available on campus and on the streets directly adjacent to the school (Cloyden Road, Via Pacheco, and Epping Road). Additional parking spaces have been added on campus and public parking is available at the Lunada Bay Little League Field, along Palos Verdes Drive West and Via Coronel.

The City of Palos Verdes Estates is studying if parking spaces along Via Pacheco should be changed from parallel parking to diagonal parking; however, this change will not meet the demand for parking if a large number of students continue to drive cars to school.

With fewer parking options around the school, reducing traffic will also improve the quality of life in the community. We encourage students and parents to consider other alternatives to driving to campus, including carpooling. As an incentive, there are parking spaces in the front parking lot specifically designated for students who carpool. ***Please remember, many young students are restricted by the California Vehicle Code from having passengers in the car when they are driving.***

The District has identified the following web site as a resource to assist families in setting up carpools.



With "Divide the Ride" you can easily create a kids' carpool with families you know and trust.

Divide the Ride was designed for busy parents with busy kids. It's free, secure and easy to use! Simply invite parents you know and trust to join your carpool. Once everyone is on board, Divide The Ride evaluates everyone's driving availability and creates a carpool calendar for you. Divide the Ride makes sure the driving assignments are evenly distributed among participating parents. If a conflict arises, Divide The Ride will help locate another parent in your group to drive for you. Not only does Divide The Ride create the carpool calendar for you, it also keeps you organized and up-to-date. If anything on the carpool calendar changes, you will be notified via email and text messages. You will also receive reminders when it's your turn to drive.

Let Divide The Ride lend a hand by creating a carpool calendar for you. There is no cost and your personal information is completely secure.

Please send an e-mail to Barbara Hardesty (HardestyB@pvpusd.k12.ca.us) if you need assistance with contacting other interested families regarding potential carpools.

You are encouraged to consider:

- Using PV Transit -- Information about schedules and rates can be found at www.palosverdes.com/pvtransit.
- Walking.
- Riding a bike -- a secure bike rack is available near the main office.

Finally, to improve traffic flow on and off the campus, parents and students must enter the school campus from Cloyden Road and exit on Epping Road from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Employees will be encouraged to enter the school at the service road entrance on Epping Road.

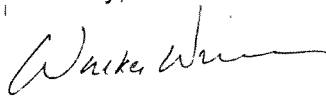
As we plan for the future, District leaders will also explore:

- With city leaders, grants that may provide safe routes to schools.
- Other District owned property to address school parking needs.

We are looking forward to another great year for Palos Verdes High School and its students. Principal Chris Bowles and his staff have worked hard to make the school one of the best public high schools in the nation. The Board of Education and I are very proud of what the school has accomplished and that it welcomes all high school students in the District. As the student population of Palos Verdes High has grown, parking and traffic problems for the neighborhood and its residents have surfaced. We all need to work together to reduce vehicle traffic around the school and be good neighbors to the residents in our area.

Please e-mail me at supt@pvpusd.k12.ca.us if you have any feedback on this subject. Any suggestions are appreciated.

Sincerely,



Walker Williams
Superintendent of Schools

c: Superintendent's Advisory Committee

Disclaimer

The Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District believes that carpooling or vanpooling may provide an economical way to reduce environmental pollution, save fuel, and make the commute a more enjoyable experience. To make its employees, parents, and/or students aware of such programs and opportunities, the District may make carpooling or vanpooling information available in a variety of ways.

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