

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Good afternoon Greendale families.

We've had a really great first week back to in-person learning here at Greendale. I didn't realize until Monday how much I missed the energy and enthusiasm of being around the students. Thanks for doing your part in making sure your children are prepared each day. I have really been encouraging the students to bring at least 2 extra masks to school now that they are wearing them outside. It is nice to have a fresh mask when coming in from outside due to the condensation build up that occurs when going from cold to warm temperatures. I noticed many of them are doing this now and it is helping a lot.

A reminder that tomorrow is a PD Day and Monday is Family Day, so we look forward to seeing everyone back on February 16<sup>th</sup>.



I have noticed that with the colder temperatures, more students are being dropped off and picked up at the end of the day. I have observed a couple of days where there is even more congestion on Greendale St. than normal. I am going to keep a close eye on this, and may need to change up some routines. I will email out a notification if I do this. The city of Niagara Falls has a "Safety before Convenience" initiative on now with a "zero tolerance" policy around school zones for those not abiding by the signs. I have copied that information below. Please be aware that there are "No Parking" signs on Greendale St. on the side with the homes. On the school side, you may park/stop between Belmont and the bus driveway. Between the driveway and Montrose Rd., there are "No Stopping" signs. I have talked to the Manager at the City of Niagara Falls, and he has confirmed that these are the only areas they are enforcing. By-Law enforcement was out one day this week already, so I felt it important to send this information out to you.

I hope you have a nice weekend and stay safe.

Below is the information that was on the City of Niagara Falls website under parking.

C. Glauser

### ***"Zero Tolerance" Enforcement In School Zones - Safety Before Convenience***

*Areas designated NO Stopping and NO Parking near school zones are implemented for the visibility and safety of all children and parents in the area. Due to an increase in residential and parental concerns near schools, school zones will be considered high safety risk areas to the public and a "Zero Tolerance Zone" for the enforcement of parking regulations.*

*Enforcement of the Zero Tolerance Zones includes all parking bylaw infractions including, but not limited to the following:*



**NO Stopping** – The halting of a vehicle, **even momentarily, whether occupied or not,** except when necessary to avoid conflict with traffic or at the direction of a police officer, is prohibited and an immediate \$50.00 fine will be issued.

**NO Parking** – The standing of a vehicle, occupied or not, except for the purpose of and while **actively** engaged in the loading and unloading of passengers is prohibited. Motorists sitting in the vehicle waiting for passengers or bell times will be considered parked illegally and will result in a \$25.00 fine.



**Drive-Off Procedures** - Driving away after infringing on the above regulations during the enforcement of a Zero Tolerance Zone or during the issuance of a parking penalty notice by a parking enforcement officer will result in the penalty notice being mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle with additional \$15.00 fees incurred.

*Choosing Safety Before Convenience will help to avoid potential safety hazards and receiving any parking penalty notices. Please take a few extra moments to find safer parking opportunities outside of the posted restriction areas when dropping off or picking up your child or children.*