

# WORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT 127

WORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | 11158 SOUTH OAK PARK AVENUE, WORTH, IL 60482 | 708-448-2801



Dear Families,

We are so excited to be able to use our new spaces following Winter Break! On January 4, 2022, the daily experience for our students will change: they will enjoy wonderful new spaces for Art, Library, Music, and a new multipurpose room for lunch.

Another great change will be the opening of the new **drop off and pick up lane behind the school** for parents and caretakers to use when driving students to and from school. It will accommodate more cars, students will enter/exit cars safely, and have direct access to enter/exit the building without having to worry about traffic. All families will be asked to follow the new pattern starting January 4th. Please be patient as we all adjust to the new routines and procedures.

- **Parents or caretakers driving students:** should use the new lane behind school.
  - The gate to enter the new lane will open at **8:15am** for **drop-off** and **3:10pm** for **pick-up**. The gates will close after drop-off at 8:30. Tardies should proceed to the main entrance. Parents and caregivers will need to sign in any late students.
    - Cars may not block traffic on 112th, Oak Park, or any of the local streets, as it will impede cars going to Worth Junior High and the nearby houses.
  - Cars should enter the lane and put your car in **'Park' mode**; students should exit/enter cars from the passenger side only.
  - In order to protect student and staff safety, cars may NOT move around each other, as there is **only** one lane in and one lane out. **Please wait for staff supervisors to direct the entire row of cars to move forward to the turnaround and exit the drop-off lane and turn right onto 112th Street.**
  - Staff supervisors will direct Grade 1, 2, 3 students to walk on the sidewalk to enter/exit through the addition doors marked **4W**. Students in Grades 4 and 5 will enter/exit through the 4/5th grade doors marked **2W**.
  - The only exception: EC / PreK / K students or students with accessibility issues may enter from the Main Entrance.

As one construction phase ends, another begins on the North end which may result in parking spot shortages. **This is why it is essential that driving parents use the new lane behind Worth Elementary.**

- **Walkers:** Students walking from home (with or without parents) will use the front entrances traditionally designated for those grades:
  - **EC/PreK/K, Grades 1, 4, and 5:** Main Entrance

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- **Grade 2-3 students:** North/Gym Entrance
- WJH students walking to WE to meet siblings may meet them on the sidewalk adjacent to the new drop-off/pick-up lane behind Worth Elementary.
- **Buses:** They will continue to use the same entrances:
  - AM drop-off at **Main Entrance**
  - Midday EC/PreK/K drop-off at **Main Entrance**
  - PM pick-up at **North/Gym Entrance**

*Cars should not block the bus lanes for any reason- this jeopardizes student and staff safety.*

All staff will help supervise the first two weeks after Winter Break to facilitate our transition into our new arrival/dismissal procedures. Please know that we have spent a great deal of time planning these procedures, but it will be reviewed consistently for improvements as we start to “live” this new pattern. We welcome any questions or suggestions for improvements, so please contact the Worth Elementary main office. We look forward to seeing you at the January 12th Board of Education meeting to show off our new spaces!

Thank you!

Mrs. Eichstaedt and Mrs. Wills

