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Dear Post Oak Families,

It's that time of the year again when the excitement mounts for the first day of school. We are so excited to welcome you back to school and start learning together again. Our school keeps growing, this year we will serve more than 330 students on our campus, PreK through 6th grade. Just another sign that Post Oak Academy is a great place to be! We've added several new faces to our staff this year and can't wait for you to meet them.

Due to construction, there are a few parking changes that I must share with you. We now have a newly rerouted Drop-Off & Pick-Up loop.

This is double lane, one-way loop. We ask that you remain in your vehicle for Drop-Off & Pick-Up. If you plan to park and leave your vehicle, please park in designated parking spots only. DO NOT PARK in the Drop-Off or Pick-Up lanes at any time. Additional spots were added in the rerouting of this area for that purpose.

We understand that you may be in a hurry, however a child or another person's life is far more important. Due to the high volume of traffic during arrival/dismissal, this is the safest procedure for everyone. Plan accordingly; give yourself enough time to maneuver our parking. It will get better, but will take time as we all learn the new procedures.

<u>AM Procedures</u>: ALL drivers for AM Drop-Off must use the Drop-Off loop! No children should be dropped off on Post Oak Lane in front of the school (Bus Unloading zone) or across the street. An adult and 6th grade safeties will meet and direct students from the Drop-Off loop, along the sidewalk, to the front entrance of the school.

Children who ride the bus will unload along Post Oak Lane, directly in front of the school. They should proceed to the front entrance upon arrival.

<u>PM Procedures:</u> ALL drivers for PM Pick-Up must use the Pick-Up loop! Stay in your vehicle! If we all follow this procedure, the routine takes less than 10 minutes. If you are the first driver in either lane, we ask that you wait in this

position until cones are moved and traffic is directed to exit. This ensures that all cars are loaded and children are safely in place. Parents who wish to speak with a teacher are asked to park in designated spaces, not in the flow of traffic. Parking in designated spaces means that you may need to stay in place until traffic is cleared.

Post Oak Lane is ONE-WAY traffic between 3:15-4:00pm. There is NO PARKING on either side of Post Oak Lane in the PM! You will be ticketed. If you are picking up a student and you do not fit in the loop, please stay in your vehicle and wait until traffic is directed. At this time we will load a second round of cars if necessary. Parking is available in designated areas if you wish to greet your child at dismissal.

Additional street parking is available on Post Oak Lane, south of the intersection at Darien Street, west on Barritt Street past the Drop-Off & Pick-Up loop, and also at the east end of Darien Street past the fence.

Please see the accompanying Parking Maps for additional clarification. If all families follow the procedures, our Drop-Off & Pick-Up will run smoothly and safely for everyone involved. Gentle reminders will be given throughout the school year when issues arise.

Thank you for your continued support regarding this matter!

Respectfully,

Mrs. Ojerio, Principal