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St. Bernard's Catholic School
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Orillia, ON L3V 1H6

Attention: Ms. Barbara Heeneman

Dear Ms. Heeneman:

Re: Changes Announced to School Crossing Guard Program in Orillia

The Orillia Police Services Board would like to remind motorists and pedestrians to exercise caution at designated school crossings as students head back to class.

Effective September 6, 2016, crossing guards will be present during school commencement and dismissal times, which vary according to school schedules. Crossing guards will no longer be assigned to crosswalks during morning and afternoon nutritional breaks. A new crossing guard has been implemented at the intersection of Coldwater Road and Patrick Street. Further changes have also been made to the shift times for each individual crossing to complement school schedules.

Orillia City Council recently approved these changes as a result of a thorough analysis conducted by the City of Orillia's Public Works Department throughout the months of May and June 2016, which revealed that very few students accessed the crossing locations during morning and afternoon nutritional breaks.

A complete list of the school crossing guard locations and new shift times is enclosed for your reference. The Board requests that you kindly distribute this information to students and parents through your school's newsletter, website, and social media.

Drivers and cyclists are encouraged to pay special attention by proceeding slowly and cautiously through school zones, regardless of the time of day. The beginning of a new school year is a busy time, and the Board wants to ensure that crossing guards, pedestrians and motorists safely share the roadway.

Another reminder for drivers and cyclists is that they must stop and yield the entire roadway at pedestrian crossovers, school crossings, and all intersections where there is a crossing guard. Only when pedestrians and school crossing guards are safely on the sidewalk, may drivers and cyclists proceed. Drivers can be fined \$150 to \$500 and three demerit points for offences at pedestrian crossings, school crossings, and at crosswalks where there are traffic signals.

The Board is fortunate to have a wonderful team of crossing guards that are excited to return this school year to help teach essential traffic safety skills to children, and to alert motorists that pedestrians are in the process of using the school crossing.

Pedestrians can assist crossing guards by remaining on the sidewalk curb until the crossing guard signals that it is safe to cross, scanning the intersection before entering the crosswalk, and listening to the crossing guard's instructions.

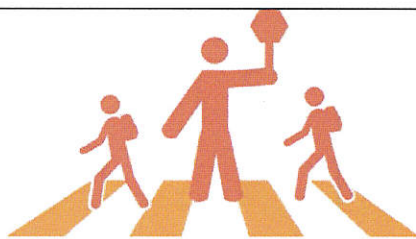
Questions regarding the School Crossing Guard Program may be directed to the Board Office at telephone number (705) 325-2125.

Sincerely,

Kristine Preston, Dipl.M.A., CMO
Executive Assistant
Orillia Police Services Board

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School Crossing Guard Locations and New Shift Times



Orillia's School Crossing Guards

Administered by the Orillia Police Services Board

#	Location	Hours
1.	Forest Avenue South and Highway 12 <i>Regent Park Public School</i> <i>St. Bernard's Catholic School</i>	Commencement: 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Dismissal: 3:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
2.	Oxford Street and Regent Street <i>Regent Park Public School</i> <i>St. Bernard's Catholic School</i>	Commencement: 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Dismissal: 3:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
3.	Gill Street and Simcoe Street <i>Regent Park Public School</i> <i>St. Bernard's Catholic School</i>	Commencement: 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Dismissal: 3:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
4.	Gill Street and Highway 12 <i>Regent Park Public School</i> <i>St. Bernard's Catholic School</i>	Commencement: 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Dismissal: 3:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
5.	Bass Lake Side Road and Atlantis Drive <i>Notre Dame Catholic School</i>	Commencement: 8:00 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. Dismissal: 3:20 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
6.	George Street and Westmount Drive South <i>Harriett Todd Public School</i>	Commencement: 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Dismissal: 3:20 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
7.	Barrie Road and Westmount Drive South <i>Harriett Todd Public School</i>	Commencement: 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Dismissal: 3:20 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
8.	Patrick Street and Brant Street <i>Lions Oval Public School</i>	Commencement: 8:00 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. Dismissal: 3:10 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
9.	Coldwater Road and Patrick Street <i>Lions Oval Public School</i>	Commencement: 8:00 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. Dismissal: 3:10 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
10.	Brant Street and Laclie Street <i>Lions Oval Public School</i>	Commencement: 8:00 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. Dismissal: 3:10 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
11.	West Street and Orchard Park <i>Orchard Park Public School</i>	Commencement: 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Dismissal: 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
12.	Fittons Road West and Orchard Park <i>Orchard Park Public School</i>	Commencement: 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Dismissal: 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
13.	Peter Street North and Fittons Road East <i>Monsignor Lee Catholic School</i>	Commencement: 8:00 a.m. to 8:55 a.m. Dismissal: 3:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
14.	Laclie Street and Stanton Drive <i>Couchiching Heights Public School</i>	Commencement: 8:00 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. Dismissal: 3:10 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

