

September 28, 2015

Dear Parents,

Beginning October 1st, the traffic for arrival and dismissal will need to change. The Howard County Bureau of Highways met with us to share the need to make changes. One of the major reasons is the installation of a roundabout at the intersection of Old Montgomery Road and Tamar Drive.

In addition to the traffic pattern changes, **No Stopping** signs will be posted along Tamar Drive from the Community Center to JHES entrance and **No Parking** signs will be posted along Majors Lane near the current school exit. With the implementation of our new traffic plan the following adjustments will be made:

1. The current entrance off of Tamar Drive will become BUSES ONLY between 8:30am – 9:00am and 3:30pm – 4:00pm.
2. The current exit onto Majors Lane will become two-way. When buses are unloading or loading, vehicle traffic will be stopped.
3. Cars can no longer wait on Tamar Drive but will proceed to Majors Lane, make a right and then a right into the JHES lot. In the morning, cars will be directed through the staff parking lot. When buses are unloading, cars will form a line and wait to proceed until directed to the normal drop off area. **Students must remain in the vehicle until reaching the normal drop off area.** In the afternoon, drivers will form a line in the staff parking lot, and may not leave their cars unaccompanied. Once all buses are loaded, cars will then be directed to move to normal drop off area in the front of the school.

Howard County Police will be here to support with the transition to the new traffic pattern. We appreciate your support and willingness to follow the guidance of the staff on duty for the safety of all.

**A map has been posted on our website as well as sent out through School Messenger.*

Sincerely,

Patricia T. Shifflett

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