

Arrival and Departure – Naismith MPS (2023-2024)

We are prepared for students to come to school and leave from school in the following ways...

- Bus
- Walk
- Arrive/Depart by car – Kiss and Go
- Arrive/Depart by car – accompany child to backyard
- Before / After School Care



Bus:

A large portion of our student population travels to and from school by yellow school bus. The bus loading and unloading zone is designed to accommodate busses around parked cars. The parking lot in the bus loading zone will be closed from 9:15-9:40 and again from 3:40-4:00. Please do not park here or drop off your child during this time as we will have busses moving and we do not want students walking in and around the busses. Much appreciated!

Walk:

Many of our students walk to school. We are asking this year that walkers plan and follow a route to school that takes them to the back playground. Walkers can approach the school using the walkway from Tait McKenzie Street (opposite Metcalfe Dr.), from the field at the back of the school yard, from the gate on Perth Street near the football field, or by walking up the lane on the ‘gym side’ of the school if you are approaching the school from the front. Please do not walk up the bus loading zone or attempt to come into the backyard from the side parking lot - Helen St. If Parents and Guardians want to walk with their child, please join us in the back yard! We will have a staff member on duty at 9:15 AM and again after school until 4:00 PM. Students who walk home will be released out the back at the end of the day to reduce the congestion and ensure safety around traffic out front. If you have a child in kindergarten and would like to get out and escort them to the play yard, please walk up to the front of the school with them.

Arrive/Depart by car – Kiss and Go - King St. SIDEWALK:

To ensure safety for all, we are establishing a **Kiss and Go** area on the King St. sidewalk between the service poles.

We are requesting that parents and guardians approach the school from Perth St. so that students are let out on the ‘school side’ of the street and are not crossing the road. Parents and Guardians are asked to pull up to the sidewalk in front of the school, remain in the car and let your child out to make their way to their play yard. We understand that 5-point harnesses are tricky so adults may need to quickly jump out to assist, but we are hoping that drop off is fast and efficient. A staff member will be on duty to greet your child. We ask for your patience as we get familiar with the tempo and logistics. The front school parking Lot will be closed between 9:15 and 9:40. Please do not park here at this time as there will be students walking in and around the parking lot.



At dismissal, we will again have a staff member on duty until 4:00 PM. If you have a child in kindergarten and would like to get out and escort them to the car from the play yard, we would ask that you please park on a side street – not on King St. – and walk up to the front of the school with them. The reverse would happen in the mornings. Please do not park on the opposite side of King St. as it will congest an already narrow roadway that shrinks significantly during the winter months. If you have a child in kindergarten AND an upper grade and will be consistently picking up and dropping off your children, it is recommended that you pick up and drop off at the front of the school by parking on a side street and escorting them to the front of the school or using the **Kiss and Go** option. In this case your child is in an upper year grade, they can walk around the school to the playground and your kindergarten aged child can be accompanied to the kinder yard.

Arrive/Depart by car – Accompany child to backyard:

If you will be regularly dropping off and picking up your child from school and would like to accompany them to the school yard, we ask that you to park off site and walk to the school yard at the back of the school. We will have a staff on duty at 9:15 AM and again after school until 4:00, but please note that staff will be located on the pavement near the school NOT at entrance points. In the afternoon, parents and guardians are welcome to meet students at the back doors but ask that you remain outside. There are 2 access points to the back playground that are vehicle friendly. On Perth Street there is a parking lot and walking access near the football/soccer field. There is also a walkway from Tait McKenzie Street (opposite Metcalfe Dr.) where vehicles could park for short periods. If your child is in an upper grade and will be picked up and dropped off regularly, please consider using these locations for drop off – we would require you to come to the back of the school in the afternoon so we can release your child to you OR you can make use of the **Kiss and Go** format in the afternoon.

Before / After School Care –

Many of our students attend before and/or after school care with Almonte Daycare. These students are dropped off in the mornings before school and stay at school after classes until they are picked up by parents and guardians. They are under the care of the Almonte Daycare before and afterschool and participate in programming.



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It is invaluable for school staff to have a clear idea of how your child will come to and leave from school. We want to ensure we have a solid understanding of this transition to ensure safety and peace of mind.

Please take a moment to complete this form to indicate how your child will **generally or regularly** travel to and from school **(for new student(s) or if information has changed from last year).**

We know that there are special circumstances that come up and we are happy to accommodate. In this case, please call the school by **9:00 AM or 2:30 PM** to inform us of alternate plans for the day.

Parents and Guardians – Please fill in the information below. If your child has 2 or more **regular** Arrival and/or Dismissal routines due to special circumstances or going to different homes, please write this out in detail in the Alternative Schedule notes below. Thanks.

Student Name:		Student Grade:	
		...in the morning	... in the afternoon
		* Please indicate with a check mark or X – one for the morning and one for the afternoon. Thanks	
My child will generally or regularly arrive and depart from school by...	<u>Bus:</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<u>Walk:</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<u>Arrive/Depart by car – Kiss and Go - King St. SIDEWALK:</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<u>Arrive/Depart by car – Accompany child to backyard:</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<u>Before/After School Care</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parent/Guardian Name: (Please print)		Parent/Guardian Signature:	
Date:			
Alternative Schedule notes:			

* Grade 4 is a generally accepted age/grade to encourage/allow your child to walk to school. 😊

