

Sharing the Road Safely

JORDAN Traffic Safety Bulletin – Fall 2008

Every day in the ‘rush minutes’ just before and after school, almost a thousand students and staff come and go to the Jordan campus. More than half the students walk or ride bikes. Many more arrive by shuttle or carpool. If you must drive your car to Jordan during these busy periods, please allow extra time and use extra caution and courtesy.

The Jordan Area MAP (reverse) shows useful information about approaching Jordan by bike or car.

Encourage your student to walk or bike to school.

A morning walk or ride is a great way to start the day. If every student walked or biked, our streets and loading zones would be less congested and safer, and we would reduce our carbon footprint.

Help your student choose a safe route to school.

California Avenue and Newell are the two main bicycle routes into Jordan. Consider a practice ride with your student before school begins.

Consider the Palo Alto free shuttle options and/or carpooling

This may be important for rainy days. Check for shuttle routes and schedules at www.cityofpaloalto.org/shuttle

If you drive to Jordan,

Use the yellow loading zone on the circle in front of school or inside the Middlefield parking lot. Do not park unless you have a parking space. Avoid dropping students where they would cross a road without a crosswalk. Be cautious about opening car doors into bike lanes!

Additional information on alternative commutes can be found at

<http://www.paloaltopta.org/traffic/> and at
<http://www.saferoutes.paloaltopta.org/index.shtml>

Invitation:

Come to the 6th Gr/New Family Social on August 25 (3:30–5:00pm) and have your students bring their bikes. We will provide a free bike safety check, adjust brakes etc., helmet fit check and free bicycle registration (\$10 value) with the Palo Alto Police.

Other Dates:

October 8 – Jordan Walks & Rolls Day (celebrate International Walk to School Week)

April 15 – Earth Day at Jordan (students explore ways to reduce our carbon footprint)

Questions:

Interested in helping to promote traffic safety and trip reduction at Jordan?

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