

January 5, 2018

Dear Elementary Parents and Guardians,

Happy Friday Parents, and Happy New Year! When your child returns to school on Monday, we would like to implement a new program, so to speak, during morning drop off. The outcome of this program, creatively named "Kiss 'em at the Cross" is two-fold. First, it is a way to celebrate our parent community and have the opportunity to meet someone new or finally put a face with a name. The second outcome is to promote independence for our students as we move into the second part of our year.

The program is simple. Walk your child into school (if you are able...I know its cold!) and when you get to the large cross at the center of our campus kiss, hug, fist bump or wave goodbye to your child as they venture off to start their day.

By doing this we hope to create a gathering place for parents to say hello or chat or procrastinate a little longer from going to work. It will also send the message to our students that it is up to them to carry their bags, hang up their coats and get ready for the day on their own.

OF COURSE, if your child really needs your helping hand, or just can't make it down to their room without your assistance, there is no force field preventing you from heading past the cross.

Give it a try! If in a couple of weeks this is devastating to the development of your student, or you just can't stand to not be there with your child leading up to the beginning of the day, you can come to me and tell me this was a terrible idea.

It was such a joy seeing your children back this week. I swear some of them grew 2 inches over the break!

God Bless,

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