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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you well and you are enjoying the last weeks of summer. Before the school year begins, I want to stress the importance of driving safely on and around our school campus. As you may be aware, our campus is shared with Bridge Preparation Charter and The Hungerford School, as well as the district office. With staggered start times across these institutions, it is crucial that everyone remains vigilant to ensure the safety of all students, staff, and visitors.

Please adhere to all posted signage regarding speed limits, both on and off campus. These limits are designed to protect our children and the broader community, and it is essential that they are always followed. Additionally, I urge you to be especially cautious at pedestrian crossings. Our students, along with those from the other schools, are often walking to and from school, and your attentiveness can significantly reduce the risk of accidents.

As a campus, we will continue to collaborate with the Department of Transportation, Metropolitan Transportation Authority and New York Police to make driving around campus as safe as possible. Over the last couple of years, these agencies have contributed to positive changes around our campus.

Some of these changes have included;

* Traffic light installed on Ocean Terrace and Milford Drive.
* Traffic light installed on Renwick Ave and Milford Drive.
* Turn signals on the installed traffic lights.
* Both traffic lights have created crosswalks for pedestrians.
* NYPD added a Crossing Guard to corner of Little Clover Rd and Renwick Ave
* A red-light camera on Little Clove Rd

I am delighted to report that the newest change has been made with the MTA. The MTA has agreed to change S66 to better match our school start time. The S66 will now depart Victory Blvd. and Clove Rd. at 7:48 am, with arrival at The Petrides Complex at approximately 7:53. This change in schedule time better aligns with our start time.

Thank you for your cooperation in these important matters. By working together, we can create a safe and welcoming atmosphere for everyone on our campus.

Sincerely,

Anthony Tabbitas

Principal

The Michael J. Petrides School