

Dear MMO Parents...

I am very excited to share with you news that the new security system for the church is ready to be implemented! In a concerted effort to provide for the safety of our church family, we have implemented a key card locking system for our doors. This system will allow us to limit access to various parts of our campus in a way that will provide greater security for our children. **Please be aware that our system will be activated as of Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.**

What does this mean to you as a parent of a child in MMO? Foremost, we hope that this will provide you with an added sense of security for your child while you are away from the church premises. It does also mean though, that our drop-off and pick-up routines will change somewhat. Please read the Q and A below for specifics and then please, please follow up with me on any questions/concerns you have about the new system.

**Q. Where do I enter the church to drop off or pick up my child?**

A. For your convenience, the Christian Life Center (CLC) glass doors and the double doors to the right of the sanctuary entrance will be open between 6 am and 10 pm every day. All other doors, *including those currently used to access the basement area of the sanctuary building*, will remain locked. This is the most significant change for our program and will require many of you to change your drop-off and pick up routine.

**Q. What time will the doors lock after drop-off in the morning?**

A. The doors leading to the MMO classrooms in both the CLC and the sanctuary building will remain **unlocked until 9:15 am ONLY**. After 9:15 am, you will not be able to access the MMO classrooms without a staff member, all of whom will have key cards. A telephone will be located at the information desk in the CLC. Please utilize that phone to call the MMO extension, x5007. We will be glad to open the door and escort you to the classroom. However, I strongly encourage you to drop off prior to 9:15 am to limit delays for both you and your child.

**Q. What time will doors unlock for pick-up in the afternoon?**

A. Doors to the MMO classrooms will unlock at 12:45 pm. If you need to pick up your child prior to 12:45 pm, please just utilize the telephone at the reception desk and a staff member will assist you in accessing the classrooms.

**Q. What are the changes in the parking lot area and why is it being modified?**

A. Students and commuters love to use our parking lots to cut off the Macland Road-New Macland Road corner. In the next few weeks you should see "tire bumps" placed strategically through our parking lots. These bumps will keep people in the appropriate

lanes and stop them from speeding through the spaces. We will also be closing the gate between the upper and lower parking lots from 6:30-8:30 a.m. and 3:00-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The gate will be open all day on Saturdays and Sundays.

As we only have a few weeks left of school, this will definitely be a “trial run” to see where there are glitches or issues that need to be addressed. There is no doubt that we will have to “grow into” these changes. Please bear with us and remember that the intent is to protect all our members and guests, particularly our children. Thank you, in advance, for your cheerful cooperation with these changes!

In Christ,  
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