



ST. THERESE CHINESE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## IMPORTANT: Construction and Traffic Update - Wentworth Avenue (Oct. 2025–Dec. 2025)

Dear St. Therese Parents,

We are writing to share an important and detailed update regarding a major **Construction Project** on **Wentworth Avenue** in Chinatown that will impact our school community, starting next week, October 20th, 2025.

We understand that construction presents challenges, and we appreciate your patience as we work to ensure safe access for all our students. Please note that **St. Therese School and two other schools** will be affected by this work.

The Wentworth Avenue Construction Project is scheduled to begin on **Monday, October 20th, 2025, and run through December**. The estimated total project duration is **2.5 to 3 months**. The goal of this work is to make sidewalks ADA compliant and repair existing tripping hazards.

### Southbound Lane Closure

For the next 2.5 to 3 months, **Wentworth Avenue Southbound Lane will be completely closed to street traffic**.

### Suggested Morning Drop-Off Routes- REFER TO THE MAP

#### For Grades 1–8 ONLY

Please use one of the following **suggested routes** when driving to school:

#### Option 1:

If you are driving down Wentworth Avenue, **turn onto 23rd Street** and proceed all the way to the **drop-off lane**.

- It is **highly recommended** that all students in Grades 1–8 use this lane.
- Students should be ready to **exit the car quickly**.
- **Parents should not exit the vehicle**.
- The **drop-off lane must keep moving** at all times.

#### Option 2:

You may also utilize **Alexander Street** for Grades 1–8 drop-offs. A school staff member will be there to greet your student.

#### ⚠ Important Reminder:

Do **NOT** stop or double park on **23rd Street** or **Princeton Avenue** during Grades 1–8 drop-off.



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### For PK, JK, and K ONLY

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#### Option 1:

If you are driving down Wentworth Avenue, **turn onto 23rd Street** and proceed to the **drop-off lane**.

- It is **highly recommended** that all PK, JK, and K students use this lane.
- Students should be ready to **exit the car quickly**, with **parental assistance if needed**.
- A **staff member will meet your child** at the car.
- The **drop-off lane must keep moving**.

#### Option 2:

There is **extremely limited parking** toward the west end of the school (past the school toward Princeton).

- You may **briefly park** and walk your child to school.
- Do **NOT park on Princeton Avenue**.

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### Bus Pick-Up for Non–St. Therese After-School Programs

Students riding buses for **non–St. Therese School after-school programs** will be directed to **Alexander Street** for pick-up.

**⊘ No pick-ups are allowed on 23rd Street** for any non–St. Therese School after-school program.

### Safety Reminders

- Please use extra caution when walking with students and follow all posted signs around the construction zones.
- For everyone's safety, **do not drop off students in the middle of the street**. There will be increased traffic during both drop-off and pick-up times.
- We recommend planning extra time for arrival and dismissal to help ensure a smooth and safe process for all.

Thank you again for your cooperation. Our primary focus is minimizing disruption while prioritizing the safety of our students. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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