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Welcome Back WJHS Wolves,

I hope that this letter finds you well rested and ready to jump into a new school year. Here at the Wilmette Junior High we have been busy getting ready for your child's arrival at school. One of the most noticeable improvements you will find at the start of school is our refurbished parking lot. Along with this upgrade comes a new traffic pattern.

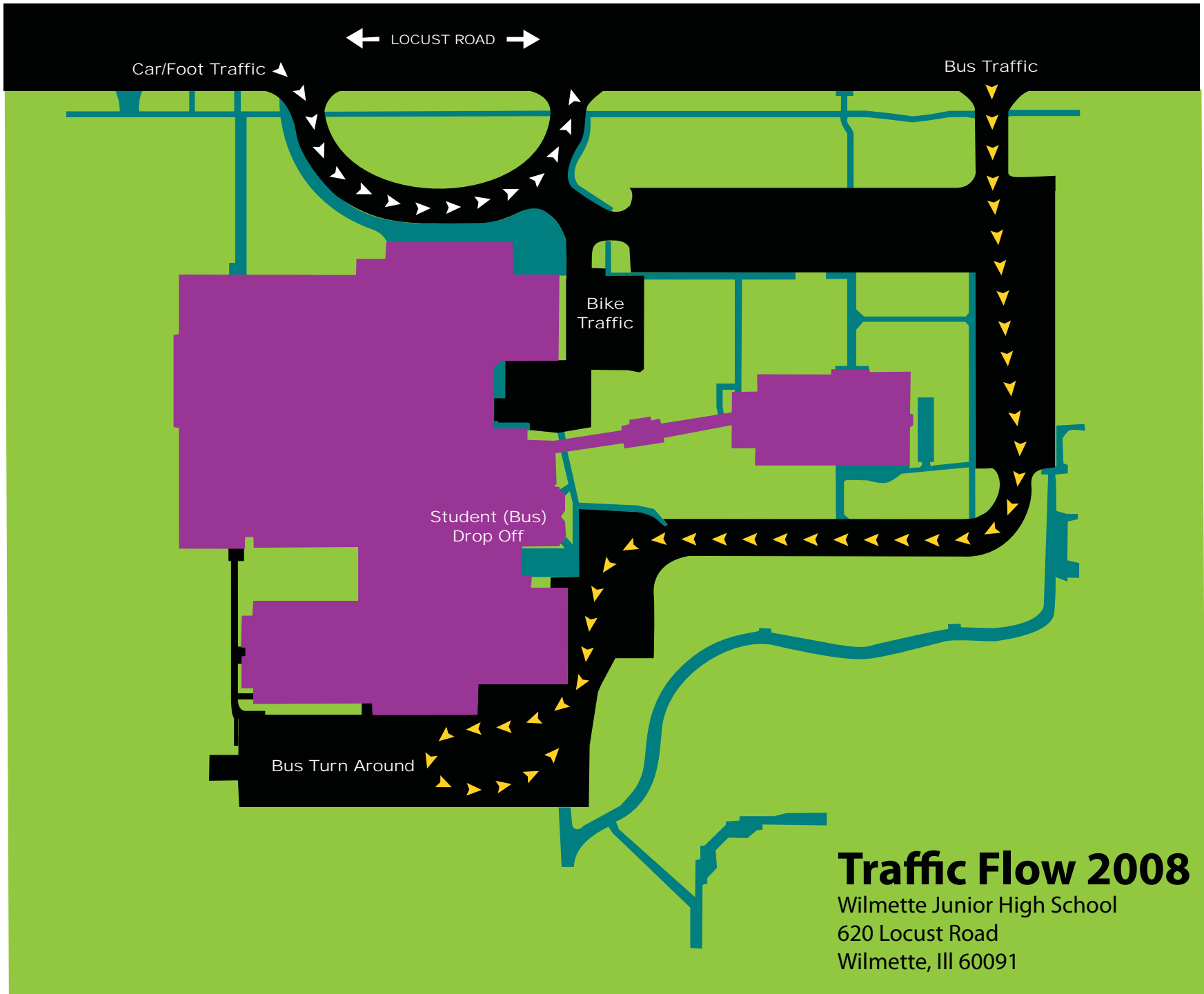
Attached you will find a map outlining the changes that will take effect on the first day of school. Some of these changes are significant so please read carefully.

- **All car drop off/pick up should take place in the front of the school in the circle driveway.** Drop off at the Jr. High can begin as early as 6:45 AM for students that are involved in before school activities. General drop off can begin by 7:30 AM.
- All buses will be dropping off/picking up in the rear of the building.
- To ensure student safety, **cars will be required to turn into the circle drive only from the northbound lane on Locust Street.** Left turns into the circle drive will not be permitted at drop off or pick up times.
- While waiting to enter the circle drive please pull forward on the east side of Locust as close to the curb as possible.
- Once in the circle drive, please pull as far forward as possible before letting children in or out of the car.
- As students leave your car please have them exit on the passenger (sidewalk) side.
- **Once you have dropped off or picked up your child, please proceed through the circle and exit with a right turn, continuing northbound on Locust.** We will not permit left turns out of the circle drive during drop off/pick up hours.
- For the safety of all students, we ask that you do not let children out of the car on Locust.
- **Buses will enter and exit school property through the northern lot entrance and proceed to the rear of the building and will drop off students near the cafeteria.** Students should proceed to the cafeteria until the 7:45 AM bell.
- **I strongly encourage you to consider District 39 bus service.** District buses are the safest, most economical, and most efficient way to travel to and from school. Contact Barb Bocage at the MEC (847-256-2450) to sign up for bus service.
- Bicycle and foot traffic should enter the building through the front of the school.
- For families that live east of Locust and south of Lake (near Highcrest), your child can still cut across our athletic fields in the rear of the building. We ask that these students enter and exit the building through the rear center doors (see attached map).

I am sure that you will find that these changes result in safer drop off/pick up of your child. During the first days of school we will have school personnel posted in front of the school to help direct traffic. Please be patient as this is a new system for all of our community members.

Respectfully,

Dave Palzet



Traffic Flow 2008

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