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The year of 2012 will be full of exciting times for our Hynes family. The purpose of this is to communicate to you changes and expectations related to our new campus. The first day of school is Monday, January 9, 2012, at 7:35 AM. Please be patient as we work to orient everyone to our new campus. We encourage you to use the carpool guidelines outlined below. We have included a color-coded map for further explanation. This information will be posted on our school's website at [www.hynesschool.org](http://www.hynesschool.org). Please share this information with everyone who transports your child to or from Hynes.

### Arrival Procedures

- 1.) **Before Care**- students who are registered for Before Care should report between 7:00AM and 7:30AM using the cafeteria entrance by the path along the gymnasium. Parents should drop-off their student using the drive around on Orleans Avenue (green lines.) Please refrain from parking in this lot as these spaces are reserved for faculty and staff during school hours.
- 2.) **Breakfast**- students who are registered and pay for breakfast should access the cafeteria via the walkway adjacent to the gym between the hours of 7:20AM and 7:30AM.
- 3.) **Students NOT Attending AM Husky Care or Breakfast**- students who arrive on campus before 7:30 AM will be sent to AM Husky Care and assessed a drop-in fee.
- 4.) **1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Carpoolers**- enter the building through the Orleans Avenue entrance via a carpool line between the hours of 7:35AM and 7:45AM (blue lines). All late students should enter through the Argonne Arch with their parents to obtain a tardy slip.
- 5.) **Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Students**- arrive between 7:35AM and 8:00AM using the Orleans Avenue entrance just behind the early childhood wing. Parents should park and escort their child(ren) into the building (blue lines). There are 11 short-term parking spaces to be used for your convenience. This door will be locked at 8:00AM. Tardy students should be accompanied by their parent(s) to the front entrance at the Argonne Arch.
- 6.) All students, **other than those described in numbers 1-5** must enter the building through the Argonne Arch entrance. The carpool line will queue around the building and into the Argonne entrance. Drivers should make the

block around the school and enter the Argonne Loop. **Please DO NOT make a U-turn at Argonne and French to turn into the Argonne Loop.**

- 7.) **Walkers** should enter through the Argonne Arch entrance using the walkways at either corner (French and/or Harrison).
- 8.) **Bicycles**- students whose parents give them permission to ride a bicycle to school will arrive by 7:35AM, walk the bike onto campus, and properly secure the bicycle at the bike racks on Argonne. PARENTS: Please be sure that you teach your child how to properly secure their bike so that both tires and the frame are secured. Students should also secure their helmets or bring them into the building with their belongings. Please note that the racks may not be fully installed when we begin school.

### **Dismissal Procedures**

- 1.) **Kindergarten** carpool students must be picked up between 2:30 and 2:45 PM. **For the safety of the children, all of those remaining at 2:45PM will be checked into Husky Care for a drop-in fee of \$10 per child.**
- 2.) **Carpoolers in Grades 1-3** will be dismissed at the Orleans Avenue Loop. Loaded cars will then proceed southbound on Orleans Avenue and past French to avoid the traffic queue for the older students (blue lines). If you have a 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grader and an older student you should take a right on French to make the second pickup (red lines).
- 3.) **Carpoolers in Grades 4-8** will be dismissed at the Argonne Loop. Cars should queue around the school and enter the Argonne Loop closest to French (red lines). After pick-up, take the first driveway exit and choose to turn right on Argonne toward Harrison or cross over Argonne headed southbound (black lines).
- 4.) **Walkers** in grades 1-8 will be escorted out of the rotunda on the corner of Harrison Avenue and Argonne Boulevard. After exiting the campus, they are to follow their parents' directions for their route home.
- 5.) **Students with bicycles** will exit the rotunda with the walkers and proceed toward the bike racks. They are required to walk their bikes off campus using the sidewalks and, upon exiting campus, follow their parents' directions for their route home.
- 6.) **Students enrolled in After Care** will be dismissed and escorted to the cafeteria where they will check-in, receive a snack, and continue on to their afternoon activities.
- 7.) **Students participating in extracurricular activities** will convene in designated areas depending on the schedule and the calendar. This information will be forthcoming from each moderator once all construction has been completed.

### Additional Information

There are traffic cameras on Canal Boulevard northbound at Harrison Avenue, southbound on Canal Boulevard just past Harrison, and westbound through City Park on Harrison Avenue approaching Marconi.

We are fortunate to be in a neighborhood that offers a wide variety of merchants including grocery stores, cafes, coffee shops, restaurants, gas stations, a library, and banks. We **always** expect our students to be respectful patrons, polite citizens, and responsible shoppers. Please note that these establishments are **NOT** carpool pickup locations, daily afterschool hangouts, nor meant to replace aftercare services. If a merchant should have a complaint regarding Hynes students, appropriate follow-up actions will be taken.

Parents and family members are expected to follow pedestrian routes. **Please do not jaywalk.** Model for the students how to cross at corners, and please DO NOT cut through the newly established landscaping or shrubbery.

Visitors should always enter through the Argonne Arch and check-in at the main office. All entrances to the school will be secured during school hours.

LEAP Preparation for 4<sup>th</sup> graders will reconvene on Tuesday, January 10, 2012. Participants will be dismissed at the Argonne Arch at 4:15PM. Students who are not picked up at this time will be dropped-in to Husky Care in the cafeteria for a fee.

On Friday, January 6, 2012, we will host an Open House for **currently enrolled** Hynes students and their parents. Each family is asked to follow the schedule below to take a brief tour of our new facility. Enter the campus by parking in the rear of the school using the FACULTY/STAFF parking lot and following the outdoor sidewalks to the cafeteria. The gym and the black box theater will not be accessible on this day. **Please return your child's TEXTBOOKS and SUPPLIES that were sent home to lighten our move. Due to the volume of participants and limited time, we will strictly follow this schedule.**

8:30-9:15 - Students' last name beginning with A-C

9:30-10:15- Students' last name beginning with D-H

10:30-11:15- Students' last name beginning with I-P

11:30-12:15- Students' last name beginning with Q-Z

## Coming to you in January 2012

All Hynes students are required to have their 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report Cards picked up on Thursday, January 19, 2012, from 3:00-5:00PM. We know that receiving feedback on your child's performance is critical to their success! Teachers will be available to meet with you upon request.

The Kids' Gala is scheduled for Friday, January 20, 2012, during school hours and Family Movie Night is that evening at dusk.

Adult Gala Tickets for the "There's No Place Like Home" event on Saturday, February 4, 2012, are on sale now. Click on the link located on the Hynes website at [www.hynesschool.org](http://www.hynesschool.org).

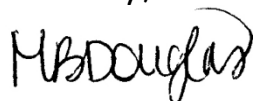
Re-registration will take place January 11-18, 2012. You will need to complete the form which will be sent home with currently enrolled students. Current proofs of residence will be required to validate your re-enrollment request.

With the swift move and transition into our new facility, we will experience some temporary inconveniences. For example, the yard will not be accessible until our grass is filled in. Alternative arrangements will be made for recess times. The internet in the building may not be fully functioning. Teachers whose programs rely heavily on technology will modify their procedures temporarily. The gym and the black box theater (band room and TAV room) will be the last spaces completed in mid-January.

Monday, January 9th, is also the BCS Championship Game. For this day only, we will allow students to wear purple and gold/LSU accessories in support of the TIGERS! This is not a modification to the regular uniform garments or shoes. For example, students may wear purple/gold undershirts, socks, ribbons (no more than 4), or other accessories.

On behalf of the faculty and staff at Edward Hynes Charter School, I look forward to welcoming you to our new school, in a new year, and for a new era as we continue to offer a quality education shaping leaders for a changing world.

Sincerely,



Michelle B. Douglas  
Principal/CEO