



VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/ Guardians and Valley Central Student,

As the end of the 2017-2018 school year quickly approaches, it is vital to address the VCHS parking and traffic regulations for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year. Valley Central High School has experienced the challenges of growth in our school district with an increased population, especially the increase in traffic. Currently, the senior class for next year will amount to **330** students, while the junior class has reached **346** students. With only **170** student parking spaces available, it is impossible to grant all students that apply for a parking permit the privilege of driving to school.

The Valley Central Student Handbook states a number of important rules and guidelines for student parking. Specifically, parking is a senior privilege. Juniors may apply for a permit after all senior application requests are processed. Students who are entering their senior year of high school, may pick up an application booklet and the VCHS Traffic and Parking Regulations in the high school main office (**which due to construction the main office will be located in the Haggar Wing, please enter through the pool doors**) between the hours of 8am-2pm starting July 5th through August 7th. Completed senior applications will be accepted beginning July 10, 2018 through August 10, 2018. Incomplete applications will not be processed and will be returned to the student. Juniors will be eligible to fill out applications for a permit on September 19, 2018. In addition, all students are required to take the free Teen Driver Safety Awareness Course sponsored by State Farm. Students may sign up in the high school main office. Space is limited and is on a first come first serve basis.

Applications will be processed and selected based upon a number of factors. Tentatively, there will be several parking spaces reserved and granted automatically for Community as Schools (CAS). The CAS program combines work experience in the community with high school credits. The number of spaces taken for these programs will vary based upon enrollment in September 2018. Secondly, extenuating family circumstances or hardships could qualify a student for parking privileges. Finally, students who hold steady employment after school could qualify along with students who participate in extra-curricular activities. Please keep in mind, however, that the Valley Central School District provides transportation for students involved in extra-curricular activities.

As previously stated, students who have been granted a parking space have been granted a privilege. **Therefore, those students who do not abide by the school code of conduct, traffic and parking regulations, and/or become academically ineligible will lose this privilege.** Students who are on the waiting list will then have the opportunity to obtain a parking space. Students who have not been granted permission to park on school grounds and who park without an assigned parking permit may be subject to their car being ticketed and/or being towed at the owner's expense. Please review carefully the guidelines for parking which will be distributed with the parking applications.

On **Thursday November 1, 2018 and Tuesday May 21, 2019** students will not be allowed to park on campus due to the College Fair and District Budget Vote. The parking lot will be used to house all the college representatives and voters that will be in attendance those days. Although this may cause an inconvenience to many, we feel as though it is a small price to pay for an opportunity for our students to obtain vital information and to best service the community.

This letter serves to outline the procedures for obtaining and maintaining parking privileges and to inform both parents and students. I look forward to working with you for the 2018-2019 school year and appreciate your understanding and patience with this matter.

Sincerely,

Philip Rodriguez

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