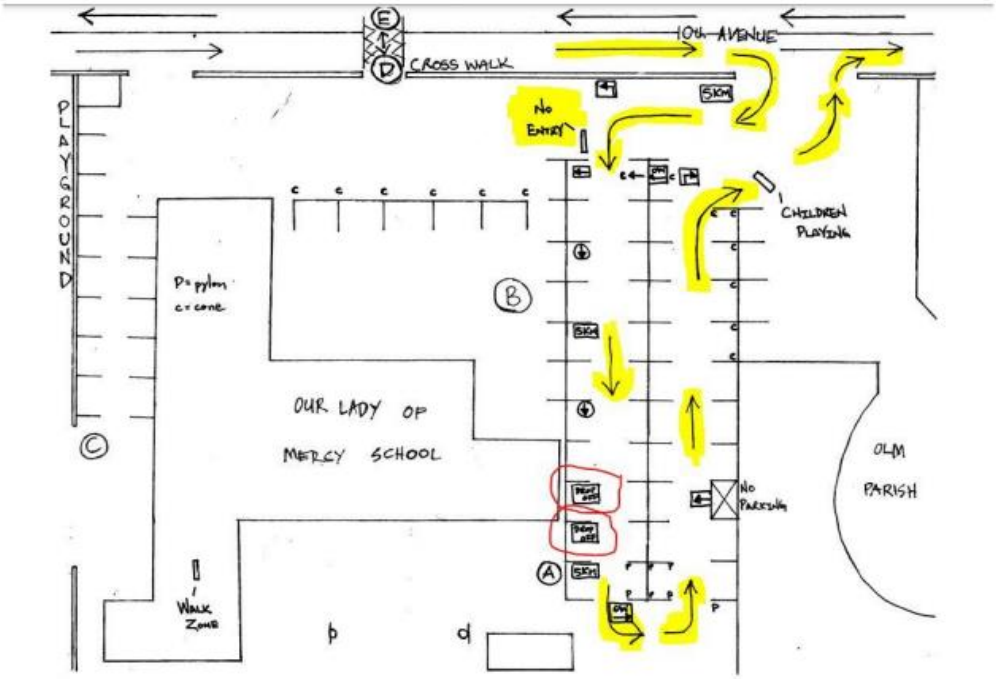
Our Lady of Mercy School
7481 10th Avenue
Burnaby, B.C. V3N 2S1

Dear Parents,

Our Lady of Mercy (OLM) School is reminding everyone to keep **safety** a priority in everyone's minds.

For those that are driving to school, a reminder about how the **drop-off zones work**. These zones are intended for very brief and quick stops where students can safely exit the vehicle. Please see the diagram below for illustration.



- Absolutely **No Parking** in the drop-off zone & in the **Staff Parking Lot** (closest to the playground).

- Follow the posted speed limit of 5 kilometers per hour while inside school premises.

- Watch closely for children suddenly running in front or around your vehicle.

- Please avoid using electronic devices while operating a vehicle.

- Absolutely **no vehicles** permitted past the **NO ENTRY** sign during school days.

- The only designated DROP-OFF zone are circled in **RED** (just outside the Grade 7 classroom).

- There will be volunteer parents (in high-visibility vests) or school staff present.

- A crossing guard will be assigned on the 10th Avenue and Henley Street crosswalk (Mr. Ausena or an alternate parent volunteer).

- A *Holy Mass* *(weekday Mass)* is celebrated Monday to Friday at OLM Parish from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Parents are also welcome to park in any available parking space in the church parking lot when bringing your children to their respective classroom doors on foot. Handicapped parking is available by the OLM Parish.

Please review the following additional rules, diagram and images in the following pages about the proper and recommended way to navigate your way to OLM School.

1OTH AVENUE EASTBOUND



Turning left onto the parking lot is highly discouraged from 10th Avenue east bound lanes as it unreasonably affects vehicles travelling in both directions *(east and west bound lanes).*



Parents must always use this main entrance gate.

Notice the two-way lane markings at the entrance to the parking lot. **One lane for entry and one lane for exit at all times, no exception.** **Exit lanes onto 10th Avenue are right turns only (or west bound).** Always follow lane designations and do not block or drive through opposite lanes. Following the zipper merge rule is encouraged when exiting.



The OLM Parking Lot can be easily and safely accessed via the **west bound lanes of 10th Avenue** (lane of the orange taxi van in the image above). This is highly recommended.

10TH AVENUE IS A NO DROP-OFF ZONE



DO NOT DROP OFF your child (ren) along the west bound lanes of 10th Avenue (lane where the orange van can be seen- even if your car is temporarily stopped in traffic). It is always better to err on the side of caution and think **safety first.** No stopping is allowed on this lane at all times.

10TH AVENUE EASTBOUND & HENLEY STREET



DO NOT DROP OFF your child (ren) along the east bound lanes of 10th Avenue (lane marked with red. Even if your car is temporarily stopped in traffic). It is always better to err on the side of caution and think **safety first.** No stopping is allowed on this lane at all times.

STAFF PARKING LOT ENTRY/EXIT



<u>Do not enter</u> the staff parking gate during pick up or drop off (even if the gates are open). Children may always be present.

CROSSWALK: 10TH AVENUE AND HENLEY STREET



This is the crosswalk at the intersection of 10th Avenue and Henley Street. OLM School prioritizes the presence of a crossing guard here during drop off & pick up. Always obey their directions but still be aware of your surroundings (ensure cars are **completely stopped on all directions** before stepping onto the crosswalk.

NO RIGHT TURNS

(or turning south) from 10th Avenue eastbound onto Henley Street from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM Monday to Friday.



Watch out for vehicles that seem ignoring this rule of the roadway or showing signs of not slowing down before the crosswalk. This is applicable both during morning drop off and especially during afternoon pick up. Always obey the crossing guard directions but still be aware of your surroundings (ensure cars are **completely stopped on all directions** before stepping onto the crosswalk.

NO PARKING

at St. Thomas More (Back) Parking Lot adjacent to Mary Avenue Park



There is reduced number of parking spots here due to fire regulations and therefore OLM parents and guardians are **prohibited** from parking here.

Additionally, there is an ongoing municipal sewer upgrade project currently in progress on **Kingsway, between 16th Avenue and 12th Avenue** that is expected to last through to Winter 2024. Expect traffic delays, sudden traffic lane closures and sidewalk restrictions from Monday to Friday 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

See the map next page of the impacted roadway (courtesy of Metro Vancouver).

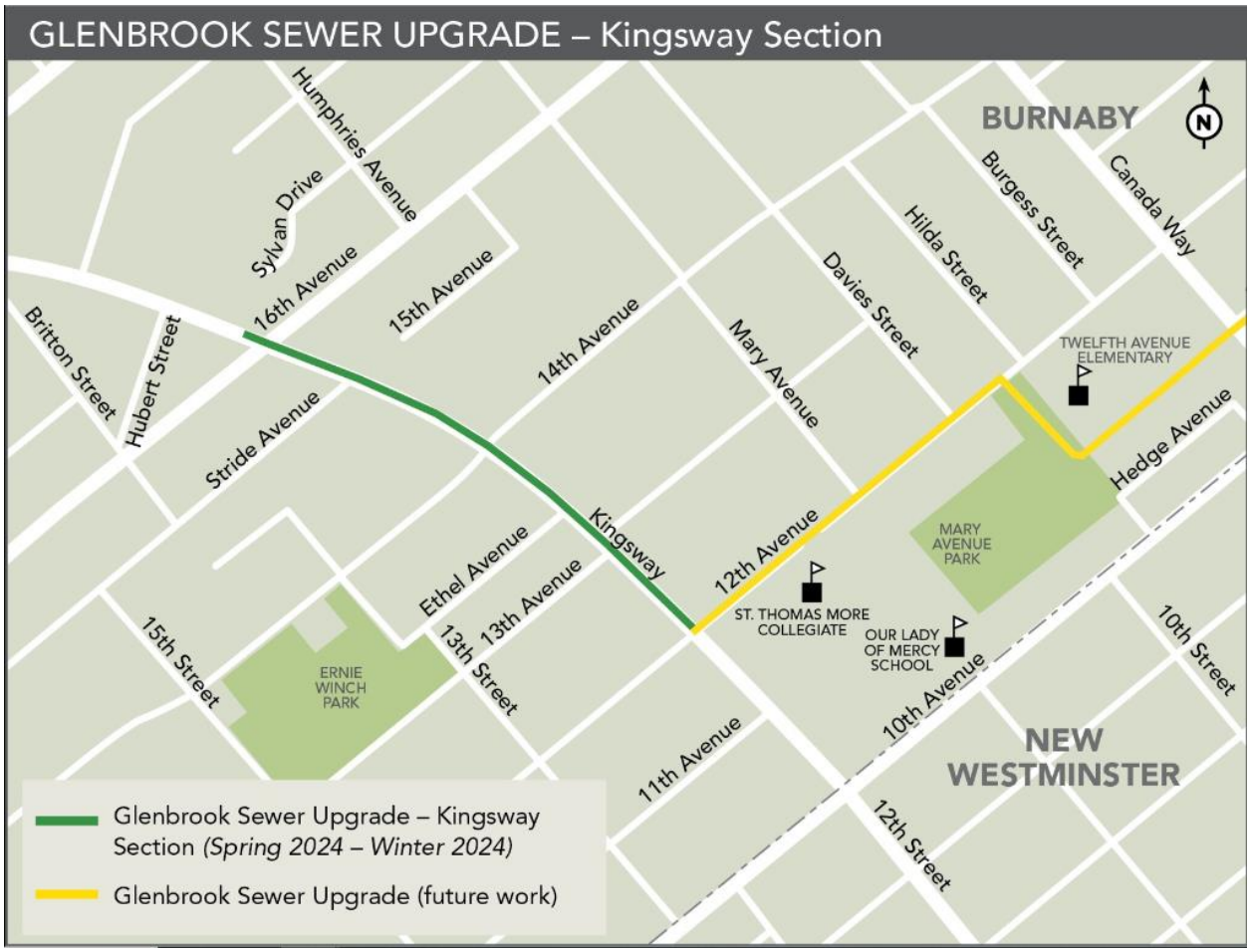


Image taken from: [Metro Vancouver (Regional District) Glenbrook Sewer Upgrade –Kingsway Section]

We highly encourage all parents and guardians to do your part in ensuring the safety and security of all children attending OLM and to be a good *neighbor* to others by following all applicable traffic rules and municipal By-laws. The school and parish community look forward to welcoming all students, returning and new for 2025/2026.

Thank you for your ongoing support and God Bless.

Sincerely,

Our Lady of Mercy School – Burnaby