



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Now that the school year is in full swing, and after careful observation of West 205th St. (the main roadway in front of the school) during the morning start of the school day, we must make this **urgent appeal** to all parents who drive their children to school and to any driving age students who drive themselves to school: **please obey all traffic laws of the City of New York and New York State.**

Starting at approximately 7:45am when the first student pedestrians start to arrive, and Vallo buses begin to queue on the westbound school-side of the street, the block gets congested quickly. Parents have observed, on a daily basis, multiple drivers speeding up and making illegal U-turns to avoid getting stuck at the traffic light, and at the Vallo bus STOP signs.

It should go without saying that this creates an acute safety hazard to student pedestrians crossing the street, and to other drivers who are obeying the traffic laws.

Over the years, traffic-calming measures, including the installation of a traffic light in front of the school, have improved safety. Those measures are at risk of being erased by the actions of a few irresponsible drivers. It just takes one mistake to change lives irrevocably.

The NYPD is understandably reluctant to issue violations to parents dropping their kids off to school. **If our direct, parent-to-parent, request fails to achieve greater compliance, we will have no choice but to request targeted NYPD enforcement.**

If everyone obeys the traffic rules, our children will be safer. It's that simple. It's that important. PLEASE do the right thing.

Thank you.

The Bronx High School of Science Parents' Association