



NEWS RELEASE

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(Westerville, Ohio) –With the start of the new school year for Westerville City Schools on Thursday, August 13, the Westerville Division of Police will be targeting school zones for speed enforcement.

A new parking restriction from 6 a.m. – 5 p.m. in front of Hanby Elementary (56 S. State St) will also be enforced during school days. Parked vehicles in these spaces will restrict bus loading zones and may be towed or cited.

The following safety tips for traffic safety around schools and buses will help the community get our students off to a good start.

- **Follow the rules.** Each school has a designated drop-off and pick-up plan and/or area for students. These plans are designed for the safety of students and drivers alike. Drivers who ignore plans or designated areas may put a child in danger when crossing traffic in busy parking lots.
- **Be patient.** Remember there are new students and drivers unfamiliar with the schools and their procedures at the beginning of the academic year. Give yourself plenty of time to get your child to and from school.
- **Be aware** of school buses and their lights and stop signs. It is unlawful to pass a school buses dropping off and picking up students when warning lights are activated (ORC 4511.75).
- **No speeding.** Adhere to the posted 20 mph speed zones while school is in session or while school zone warning flashers are operational.

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