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Drivers in school areas can be serious traffic hazards to students. All parents are reminded to obey the traffic laws when dropping off and picking up. The easiest and more environmentally friendly solution is to walk or ride your bike to school! For those students that do not live within walking distance, we recommend carpooling with a friend or two. To parents dropping off students, we recommend dropping off your child a block away and have them “walk a block”! The school parking lot should not be used as a turnaround. The staff parking lot is for staff cars only and parents that are visiting the school for meetings or signing out their child for an appointment during the school day. Are you part of the problem… or part of the solution?

1st Term Progress Reports will be going home Monday, November 13th. We are using an online system to book Parent/Teacher interview appointments. First come first served. Instructions for accessing the online system will be sent home soon! It is our hope that all parents will meet with each SAM student’s homeroom teacher for our first round of interviews. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. Interviews will be scheduled for Thursday, November 16th, 4:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. and Friday, November 17th, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

We want our Grade 8 students to be well informed about what our community Secondary School has to offer in preparation for Grade 9 course selection. ACI’s tech, business and music departments are planning a visit SAM in December. Secondary School information nights are happening all over the city. Be sure to check the TDSB website and attend the parent evening sessions. ACI’s Parent Information Night is Tuesday, November 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Each year, Toronto Public Health offers hepatitis B, meningococcal, and the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines to students at the school. These vaccines help protect students and our community from infections which can cause serious illness. Please be advised that SAM’s fall immunization days are November 14th and 15th.

Congratulations to our returning Parent Council Chair, Dwayne Khan and new Vice Chair, Mohammad Aslam. We welcome all SAM parents to our next meeting. The date has yet to be determined. We will send out a mass email blast when it is confirmed.

We urge all parents/guardians to continue to check your child’s agenda daily for information about homework and notes from the teachers. Homework is also posted on our school website. We strive to close the communication gap between home and school. Let us know how we are doing!

***Alison Gassi, Principal***