

May 15, 2023

Dear SJD Families,

May 29-June 2, 2023 your family is invited to participate in active travel to and from school. This can include any combination of walking, cycling, scootering, skateboarding or rollerblading. This is the same week as Capital Bikes SPRING go By Bike Week 2023, May 29-June 2. If you normally drive, we encourage you to incorporate active travel into your routine, even if it is just a short walk from the car to the school.

Here's what you can expect:

School Street:

Thurlow Road and drop loop will be closed to traffic during the following times to reduce congestion and allow safe access for students traveling to/from school, on foot or with wheels. We are also aiming to reduce Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions around the school, which means better air quality for everyone.

- **8:30 to 9:00 am** (typical timeframe for dropping students off at school)
- **2:15 to 3:00 pm** (typical timeframe for picking students up after school)

Please note, this section of Thurlow Road and the drop loop will be open to vehicle traffic at all other times of the day.

If your child(ren) or their caregiver has a disability or health issue that makes participation in active travel a challenge, please contact pacsjd@gmail.com for assistance.

School StreetFun Days Classes can enjoy the School Street on the following dates.

Monday May 29 **Kindergarten/Gr 1/2**

Tuesday May 30 **Gr 2/3**

Wednesday May 31 **Gr 3/4**

Thursday June 1 **Gr 4/5**

Friday June 2 **All grades(end of week celebration)**

Information about Walk and Wheel to School Month, including maps of the neighbourhood and the School Street Closure area, are available on SJD's website at:

<https://sjdpacvictoria.ca/active-transportation/>

We would like to thank the City of Victoria for their support of this year's Walk and Wheel to School Month.

Lastly, we would like to thank you for your support of Walk and Wheel to School Month and for all of the active travel that you do with your kids throughout the school year.

Sincerely,

The Active Transportation Committee