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**SENIOR SUPERIORITY.** In a new school policy, juniors can no longer park in the school lot, including former free spaces.

## New policy redefines parking eligibility

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Parking has always been a hot commodity at school, and with the elimination of 50 free spaces this year, the demand for spots has reached its peak.

"I want a parking spot because you can't go off campus or drive home," junior Rachel Jarmolinski said. "I would do anything to get a spot. I would pay over \$200."

With only 352 total spaces, the school issued parking passes via lottery to juniors and seniors in past years. Those who did not receive a parking pass could still drive to school if they arrived early enough to snag one of the 50 free spots, but with the elimination of these spaces, only seniors now have the right.

Some seniors feel that the new parking policy is a deserved privilege.

"It's a seniority thing," senior Colin Fleming said. "It allows every senior a parking spot. That's the way it should have always been."

Other students say the parking rules cause great inconvenience.

"Being a junior is not like being an upperclassman anymore because the school gives everything to seniors," ju-

nior Sam Breen said. "We can't even park anymore."

Principal Marina Scott emphasizes that a safety evaluation done by an independent agency last year had the largest impact on the new regulations.

According to Scott, 50 students could be in the parking lot early in the morning to make sure they had a parking spot while there was only one supervisor present, causing a difficult situation.

Still, many students are caught in the problem of finding a place to park their cars before school.

"I don't like it because all my friends are trying to park in my driveway now," said senior Autumn Spensieri, who lives on Harvard Drive.

Scott wants to remind students that there are other options for those who cannot drive to school.

"Students can work it out with getting rides from each other or take the bus," Scott said.

**Quick fact: Police consultant Angela Bonneville gives out 20-40 tickets a day to students who park in the back teacher's lot.**

## Rule changes elicit mixed response

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Two new rules this year have caught students off guard. Students have displayed a myriad of feelings after learning that Halloween costumes are no longer permitted during school and that the main office hallway now has limited access.

At a 50-minute rules assembly at the beginning of the semester, students learned they could no longer dress up on Halloween, a tradition that dates back to the beginning of Fremd.

"One of the things that made this school great was Halloween because students had fun, and there was great school spirit," junior Kevin Rosenberg said. "I am going to miss it."

According to Principal Marina Scott, two factors influenced the decision of the Halloween policy: giving students an education and creating a safe environment. During Halloween, school staff faced difficulty in enforcing these two rules, especially in science classes where the size of costumes proved to be safety hazards, and unsafe, bulky costumes obstructed schoolwork.

Not only have Halloween costumes been affected by the new rules, but so has the main office hallway.

Since the office hallway is now non-option, students now will be allowed to travel through the science hallway, but students feel the new office hallway disrupts their regular travel to and from the media center.

"I used to take the main hallway, but now it takes longer to get to class," sophomore David Roh said. "I think it's unfair."

Scott explained that this new policy does not mean the hallway is off-limits.

"If students have business in the office hallway, they are welcome, but it is not a pass-through hall anymore since it would interfere with the services we provide," Scott said.

## Extreme Makeover: High School Edition



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Counselor Mary Schagrin works in her office in the new student services department, which is located on the north side of the main hallway.



Logue photo by Mercedes Herrera

The old attendance office transformed into a cooking room over the summer. The family and consumer science department was upgraded with new supplies and equipment.



Logue photo by Melissa Fioretto

The main office hallway underwent several changes. Visitors now have to check in at the main entrance and report directly to the receptionist, which Assistant Principal Eric Dolen said will keep students safer.



Logue photo by Grace Lee

The music department also had a sweeping makeover. A new band room was built; practice rooms were enlarged; the old choir room was converted into two storage rooms and two large ensemble rooms; the hall itself was widened; and handicap accessible ramps were added in the back.