



TRAFFIC SAFETY *at Edna Staebler*



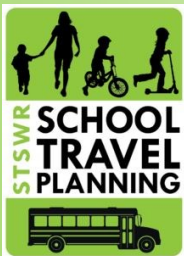
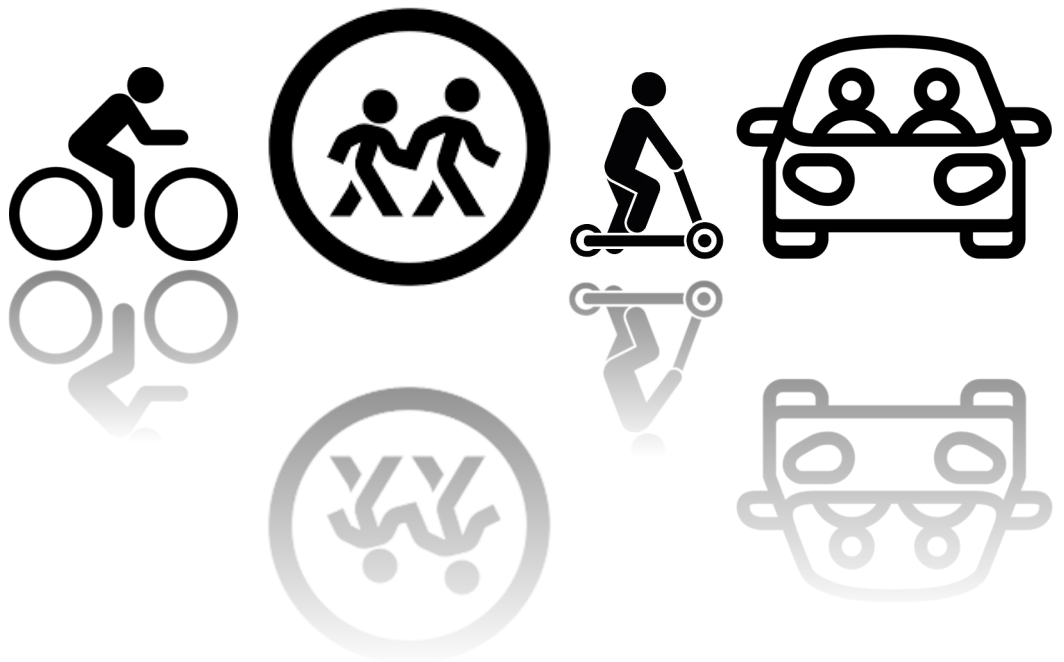
A guide for parents, students, and staff

“Thank you for helping to keep our community safe! We all have an important role to play by encouraging healthy and safe routes to school, and reinforcing practices that keep everyone safe in the community where we live and work.

You will find important reminders and updates here about safety. Please take a moment to share this with everyone in your home.

We are looking forward to a safe, fun, and healthy school year ahead.”

- Tatania Stroud, Principal, Edna Staebler P.S



TRAFFIC SAFETY

EDNA STAEBLER

This simple journey can mean so much...

Physical Health

Walking or cycling to school regularly gives your child opportunities for daily physical activity that will help him or her avoid chronic disease and develop healthy habits that may continue into later years. ParticipACTION recommends that children accumulate several hours' worth of light movement every day. Walking to school is a perfect opportunity to get it; more than half the body's muscles are designed for walking; it is a natural movement that is virtually injury-free.

Mental Focus

Students who get physical activity in the morning arrive at school more alert and ready to learn – and studies show they score higher on tests. Studies show the power of concentration is increased for up to 4 hours after a 20-minute walk!

Environmental Well-Being

Up to 25% of the morning rush hour traffic is attributed to the school commute. Reducing the number of cars at schools improves air quality, creating healthier environments where children spend a great part of their day.

Fun and Happiness

Those who walk and cycle the school route enjoy a deeper connection to their community and find joy in nature and people along the way; all of which leads to less stress and less depression.

Graduated Independence

The walk to school provides a great opportunity for students to gradually know their community and take incrementally greater responsibility for themselves and younger children.

More Information

(519) 744-7575

[STSWR.CA/WALKZONE](https://www.stswr.ca/walkzone)

[EST.WRDSB.CA](https://www.est.wrdsb.ca)

[WATERLOO.CA/PARKING](https://www.waterloo.ca/parking)

[REGIONOFWATERLOO.CA](https://www.regionofwaterloo.ca)

1 WE WALK FOR ...

Students who reside in the walk zone benefit from a daily walk (or bike/skateboard/scooter) to school in various ways. We walk for physical health, mental focus, environmental well-being, fun/happiness, and graduated independence.



2 WHY WE WALK ...

Walking and wheeling to school provides students with exercise prior to the start of their school day. Using active transportation supports environmental sustainability and promotes healthy living. Increasing active school travel will decrease traffic volumes, therefore improving student safety.



3 STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

1. Have fun when you walk or wheel to school and practice good road safety everywhere!
2. Use sidewalks or trails around the school; never walk across the middle of the street and cross at designated crosswalks.
3. Dismount your bike, scooter, or skateboard when you reach school property.



4 DRIVER EXPECTATIONS

- Do not enter the parking lot during student drop off or pick up times.
- Do not block driveways or trail entrances.
- Never stop in a No Stopping Zone.
- Remain in your car in a No Parking Zone; do not use the zone if your child needs assistance.
- Do not use driveways to turn around; drive around the block.
- High snow banks reduce visibility; watch for children!
- Check for children walking on the sidewalk before pulling out of your driveway.



5 CROSSING GUARD ETIQUETTE

Pedestrians: The Crossing Guard must ensure you cross safely and still allow traffic to flow. All walkers are required to obey the guard's direction. Once the Crossing Guard has reached the middle of the crossing and signals students to cross, they make their way to the other side. **Drivers:** Stop, and remain stopped until the guard and children reach the sidewalk. Failing to stop for a Crossing Guard can result in a fine of \$110 and 3 demerit points.



PARKING DOs KEEPING OUR KIDS SAFE!



Walk or Wheel to School

Leave the car at home and walk, bike, scoot, or skate to school.



Trailblazers

Join a student lead network of expert walkers that lends visibility to pedestrians.



Drive - to - 5

Do you drive? Utilize street parking that is a 5 min. walk to school.



Follow the Rules of the Road

Look at the signs when dropping off and picking up. Always look for pedestrians.



"I WANT YOU TO
KEEP OUR KIDS
SAFE!"



PARKING DONTs



No Parking

Quickly load or unload passengers only. Parking is prohibited. FINE: \$45



No Stopping

No stopping in this area.
FINE: \$80



School Bus Loading Zone

Reserved exclusively for school buses. Zero tolerance.
FINE: \$80



< No Parking >

Blocking residential driveways is prohibited. FINE: \$40



ATTENTION PARENTS

Did you know?

Edna Staebler has a **Safe Travel Committee!**

If you would like more information about what the committee does and how to join, please send an email to landon_chan@stswr.ca

- **Landon Chan, School Travel Planning Facilitator,**
Student Transportation Services of Waterloo Region



Edna Staebler Parking Map

-  School Site
-  Sidewalks
-  Painted Pedestrian Crosswalks

Trails

-  Not Winter Maintained
-  Winter Maintained

Intersection Details

-  Stop Sign
-  Adult Crossing Guard

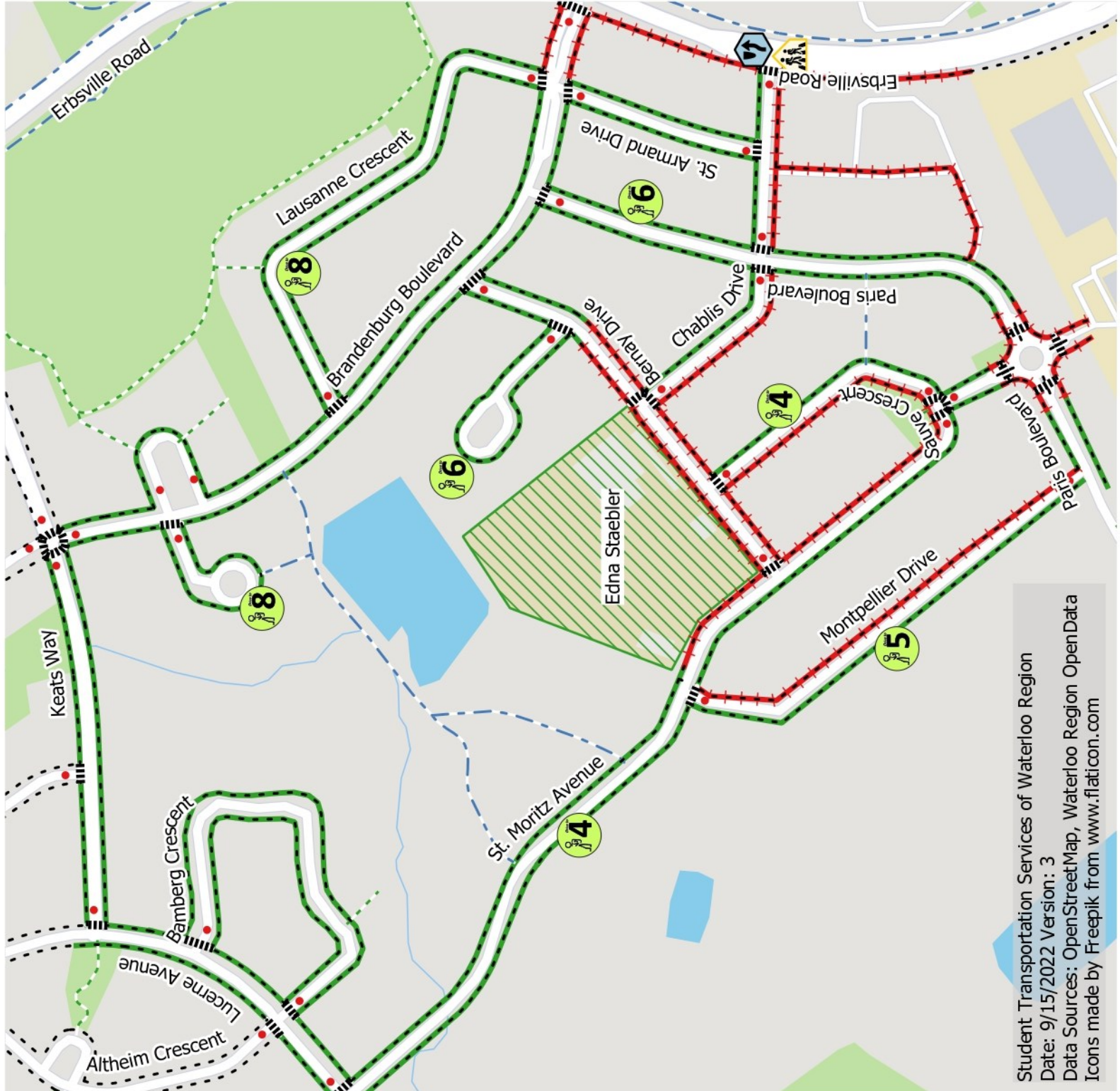
Parking Areas

-  Parking Restrictions Apply
-  On-Street Parking

Park And Walk Locations

-  5 Walk Time (min)

User must adhere to all applicable municipal and provincial traffic laws and By-laws. Legal parking areas do not guarantee a safe route to school.



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