

Ask the Chief of the Anna Police: A weekly column allowing readers access to useful information about law enforcement issues in the Anna area.

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Dear Readers,

The usual summer of sleeping late and doing things at your leisure is over. On Monday, the alarm bell announcing that first day of school will probably be a rude awakening. Whether you're an anxious new first grader or a confident senior, heading back to school signals a time of transition: new classes, new teachers, new schedules, and a new social scene. Dread it or love it, you gotta go to school!

This is a special "first day of school" here in Anna as there is the added excitement of the opening of the new Anna High School. Congratulations to AISD!

Some reminders: Traffic will be heavy around the elementary schools on County Rd 371 (JKB) and Ferguson Pkwy (Rattan) from now until the end of the school year. Parents, use the parking lots when the spaces are available so as to limit the complete blocking of the roadways. If you have no business at the schools, you will want to find another route in the mornings and afternoons. Do not cross a solid yellow line in your lane to pass a line of cars waiting to enter the school; go the other way if you see cars stopped in the road by the campuses.

School Zone speed limits will be in effect. Sidewalks and crosswalks will be packed with pedestrians travelling to and from school. In those areas where there are no sidewalks, students may be walking in the street. Students: walk in single file as close to the curb facing traffic. Drivers, if you approach a pedestrian in your lane, you have to allow the other lane to clear before you cross the center to go around.

Please watch for the youngsters as they scurry about. Obey the signs, school staff, and the police officers! Be patient, courteous and remember: No Cell Phones in school zones!

***Phone numbers: Emergency???? Dial 911.** To have a police officer sent to you in a non-emergency, call 972-547-5350. During normal business hours, the APD number is 972-924-2848.

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