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Dear Jefferson R-VII Community,

We are fortunate to have many great partners in our community supporting our children. I am sending information from Good News Church to aid with parking for Asher Hedgcoth's Celebration of Life on Friday. Please know that all of our parking lots are open after dismissal at 11:00 AM for patrons to park and carpool.

Please see the message from Good News Church:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING ASHER'S MEMORIAL SERVICE

The outpouring of love and support from our community for Asher and his family has been overwhelming. We are incredibly grateful for the many people who want to come alongside this family during such a difficult time.
Because of the anticipated attendance at Asher's memorial service, we want to share a few important details to help ensure a safe and orderly experience for everyone.

PARKING & ARRIVAL

We will have volunteers stationed throughout the parking lot to help direct traffic and assist with parking. Please follow their instructions as you arrive.

CARPOOLING ENCOURAGED

One of the most helpful things our community can do is carpool. If you are attending with friends, classmates, or family members, we strongly encourage you to meet at the school and ride together to the church. This will help us maximize available parking and reduce traffic congestion.

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EXITING THE PROPERTY

When leaving the church, we ask that all vehicles turn right onto the highway and continue toward the school, where you can safely turn around if needed. This will help traffic move more efficiently and reduce congestion at the church entrance.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE & COOPERATION

Our priority is to provide a safe, welcoming environment where everyone can come together to remember Asher, support his family, and honor his life.
We recognize that this will be an emotional day for many. Your patience, understanding, and willingness to follow these guidelines will make a tremendous difference.

Thank you for helping us care for one another and for continuing to surround Asher's family with love and support.

Thank you for reading.

Sincerely,

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