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***School's Open - Drive Carefully,  
The Irvington Police Department Urges***

The Irvington Police Department is urging parents to teach their children some simple safety tips before they head back to school.

"Very soon, thousands of children will be walking to and from school and school buses - many for the first time," said Police Chief Michael Cerone. "Everyone who drives has a responsibility to be especially careful during this busy time for youngsters."

Hundreds of young children are killed each year in collisions with motor vehicles, and thousands more are severely injured, the chief said. Children tend to be at greater risk during the back-to-school period because they tend to be thinking more about seeing old friends and new teachers than watching for cars and trucks. Others are going to school for the first time.

To help protect children, Chief Cerone offered these six pedestrian-safety tips from AAA New York, the local AAA affiliate:

- ◆ Look all ways before crossing the street.
- ◆ Cross only at corners.
- ◆ Obey police officers, school crossing guards, members of AAA School Safety Patrols, and traffic signals.
- ◆ Watch for turning cars.
- ◆ Be especially alert in bad weather.
- ◆ Play away from traffic.

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