

School Bus Information for Kindergarten Students

Southwestern Ontario Student Transportation Services (“STS”) is the transportation consortium responsible for planning school bus services on behalf of the London District Catholic and the Thames Valley District School Boards. Visit our website at www.mybigyellowbus.ca for more information about the policies and procedures that govern the provision of school bus service. Starting school is an exciting time – as you prepare for the school-aged years, school bus information may be an important part of your planning process.

Does my student qualify for the school bus? Your student must live greater than 1.6 kms from the board-designated school.

Does your student need bus service based on the home address? Great! We’ll get it from the school and set bussing up automatically.

Does your student need bussing based on the babysitter’s address? **WAIT – You’ve Got Work To Do!**

- If you qualify for the bus based on your home address but you need bussing based on an alternate address for childcare purposes, you must complete an **Alternate Address Request Form** online at www.mybigyellowbus.ca.
- If you DO NOT qualify for the bus based on your home address but your caregiver’s address is in the bus zone, you can submit a request for a Vacant Seat. These seats are not guaranteed and are assigned last (sometimes after schools starts) so be prepared to provide private transportation during the waiting period.

What if I move over the summer? If change of address information is provided to the school office the week before school, you will be responsible for transporting your student until bus service can be scheduled. At that time of year, prepare for up to a 10 day turnaround time.

School bus arrangements are posted on line in the Parent Portal at www.mybigyellowbus.ca. To access the Parent Portal, you require the Student ID number. We will mail it to you near the end of August along with a bus tag for your student’s backpack. **Need more help? Call Carol at 519-649-1160 x 221 or fill in a Contact Us form online.**

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School Bus Safety Day

Saturday, August 19, 2017

Southwestern Ontario Student Transportation Services "STS" along with our service providers is pleased to provide School Bus Safety Day to the district. The program is open to everyone and is geared to families whose children are about to experience riding on a bus for the first time or older children who may want a school bus safety 101 including bus evacuation.



It is designed to educate children and parents about how to ride the school bus safely. This fun learning experience will help children answer questions and calm any concerns they may have about riding the bus. Children will learn about safe school bussing practices and parents will learn about the important role they play to ensure that students are in safe hands, not only on the bus, but on the journey from home and to the school bus stop. A wheelchair accessible bus will also be on hand to help familiarize your child with a specialized school vehicle.

Saturday, August 19, 2017

9:00 am to 11:00 am

Jean Vanier, London

John Paul II SS, London

Gemini Sportsplex, Strathroy

St Mary's HS, Woodstock

St Joseph's HS, St. Thomas

Parents and Children are welcome to drop in.

Sessions will run every 30 minutes.

During your visit, you will be provided with information regarding school bussing and safety tips that help your kids learn to ride the bus safely. Then you and your child will then board a yellow school bus, just like the 'big kids', where the driver will tell you more about how to ride a school bus safely, including how to get on the bus, how to act while travelling and how to properly exit the bus. A second school bus will be on hand to demonstrate school bus evacuation. Your child can practice rear door school bus evacuation—join in and take a jump!



Help Make a Difference in your Community

STS is pleased to announce that we are supporting "Supplies for Students" again this year. This is a not-for profit organization that collects and distributes school supplies for students for both school boards in the STS service area. Supplies for Students relies on donations from generous community members, organizations and businesses. They happily accept new school supplies, backpacks as well as monetary donations. Please support Supplies for Students by donating at the School Bus Safety Day. Some of the much needed supplies are backpacks, crayons, pencil crayons, erasers, glue, rulers, highlighters and lunch bags.



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