



## Southwestern Ontario Student Transportation Services

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### **September 2018 Update**

Preparations are almost complete for back to school on September 4, 2018. STS would like to remind parents/guardians of the following:

- The 2-hour fog delay has been eliminated. In the event of fog, the bus companies may cancel morning bus service. Parents will be responsible for determining if and how students attend school in the event of an AM fog cancellation. Buses will operate as scheduled to bring students home from school in the afternoon.
- The Parent Portal is open at [www.mybigyellowbus.ca](http://www.mybigyellowbus.ca). Please record your student's bus stop location and time and name and phone number for your local bus company.
- Update your emergency contact numbers at the school – STS receives this information from the school and it's important to have current information in the event of an emergency.
- School bus stop locations are designed to be used by multiple students and are subject to change each year. Elementary students travel up to 800 meters and secondary students travel up to 1.6 kms to access school bus stops. Student safety to and from a bus stop location is the responsibility of the parent/guardian.
- JK/SK students must be accompanied to and from a bus stop by a responsible person. Attach your student's tag to their backpack – it's color-coded to match the sign in the window of their afternoon bus assignment. Contact us if you do not have a bus tag. For parents of JK/SK students, we welcome you to the service and recommend that you:
  - Read the full Kindergarten policy here:  
<http://www.mybigyellowbus.ca/uploads/kindergartenstudents.pdf>
  - Watch Buzzy the Bee's First Rider School Bus Safety Video with your student:  
<http://www.mybigyellowbus.ca/safety-videos>
- Download the free BusPlanner Delays app to receive notifications to your phone when buses are delayed on the road or are cancelled due to inclement weather. More information: <http://www.mybigyellowbus.ca/uploads/delaysapp.pdf>
- Bus run times are subject to change as more students are added to the bus list. Remember to check the Parent Portal over the long weekend and periodically through September as the runs will be modified.
- Traffic congestion in school zones is a community challenge for everyone. If your student is bus-eligible, please let them enjoy the ride. Bus-eligible kids on board helps decrease extra traffic in and around our schools.