



SEPTEMBER 2018

STWDSTS NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION...

NEW BUS OPERATORS!

In the Fall of 2018, STWDSTS will be working with some new and some returning school bus operators. For contact information: <http://stwdsts.ca/home/bus-company-contact-information/>

FIRST RIDER DAY!

Saturday, August 25, 2018 is our First Rider Day with wheelchair accessible sites! **Book your ride in advance between July 1- August 21.** Come as a family. Your child's safety is our priority! For more information <http://stwdsts.ca/home/kindergarten-ride/>

IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR THE BUS?

Transportation is assigned according to School Board policy. Refer to STWDSTS Policy 002 Transportation Eligibility or go to www.stwdsts.ca and click on "Are you eligible".

SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE DELAYS AND CANCELLATIONS!

Each year in August, we are asking parents to **subscribe** or **re-subscribe** so you have the most current, up to date information. To subscribe go to: <https://www.findmyschool.ca/subscriptions/login.aspx>

GPS AND VIDEO CAMERAS ON SCHOOL BUS!

GPS and Video Cameras will be equipped on every school bus beginning September 2018. The school bus is an extension of the classroom and camera footage may be accessed by the school to monitor student behaviour. GPS will be used to track bus locations, stop arrival/departure times, speed, and much more. For more information please see our Camera Policy here: <http://stwdsts.ca/home/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/037.pdf>

WHERE TO FIND BUSING DETAILS...

FOR EXISTING REGISTERED STUDENTS

If your child is an existing student, please go to www.findmyschool.ca and login to this secure site with your child's OEN number (located on report card), house number, school, and grade. This will be available after August 20, 2018.

FOR NEWLY REGISTERED STUDENTS (JK, SK, NEW TO ONTARIO SCHOOL SYSTEM)

If your child is new to the Ontario School System and has been registered at a school prior to the end of June, transportation information will be mailed to your mailing address after August 20, 2018.

FOR STUDENTS WHO RECENTLY MOVED TO AREA

If you have moved to the area over the summer, please contact your home school to register your child. Student information will be electronically downloaded from the school to STWDSTS once schools have registered your child. If your student is eligible, STWDSTS will assign them to the bus as soon as possible.

OPT OUT OF BUSING

If you choose to opt out of busing, please contact our office at 519-824-4119 and STWDSTS will mark your child as not riding. If you require busing in the future, please call your technician and they will re-assign your child to the bus.

BUS TAGS

Students in JK, SK and Gr 1 who ride a school bus will receive a tag from their school (at the beginning of the year) showing the student's afternoon bus route number and bus stop location. **The tag should be worn (preferably on the student's backpack) by your child everyday throughout the year.**

For more information please visit our website: <http://stwdsts.ca/home>