



Student Transportation Services of Central Ontario (STSCO) Winter Newsletter - November, 2016

Dear Families, Parents and Guardians:

The winter season will soon be here and it is very important that everyone using the school busing system is familiar with STSCO's winter weather procedures.

During the winter and prior to the beginning of the school day, inclement weather and poor road conditions may lead to the delay or cancellation of school transportation services. On such days, bus delay and cancellation information will be posted on the www.stsco.ca website, our primary means of communicating about busing. Also, area radio stations and media outlets will broadcast related information.

As a parent or guardian, it is recommended that you use the "Inclement Weather Days" reference sheet attached to this Newsletter and that you keep it in a prominent place for quick use on inclement weather days.

Also, keep in mind that you should:

- ◆ *know your child's school bus route number and the name of the bus company operating the route;*
- ◆ *listen to your local radio station;*
- ◆ *visit the www.stsco.ca website in the morning for delays or cancellations; or*
- ◆ *access the www.stsco.ca website and choose to receive delay and cancellation information by:*
 - *voluntarily providing your email address for direct email notices from STSCO;*
 - *signing up for the STSCO RSS feed; or*
 - *signing on to receive STSCO's posts on Facebook or Tweets via Twitter.*

Other reminders include:

- ◆ *If a bus is cancelled in the morning, it will NOT run in the afternoon.*
- ◆ *Make sure that your child is at the bus stop 10 minutes prior to the scheduled bus arrival time.*
- ◆ *Review busing procedures with your child to ensure they know what to do if a bus is late or cancelled.*

If you need to confirm your child's route number, you can visit the www.stsco.ca website and click on the "Transportation Bus Lookup" link and follow the onscreen instructions. You will need your child's 9-digit OEN student number, located beside their name on their report card, as well as their birth date. For those who may not be aware of their child's OEN student number, contact your school to get the information. Once logged in, you may provide your email address to be directly emailed when your child's bus route is delayed or cancelled.

On inclement weather days, schools are very busy and rather than calling the school to see if a bus route is cancelled, you should visit the STSCO website or listen to your favourite, local radio station.

In keeping the above information in mind, everyone will be better prepared to deal with winter.

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Inclement Weather Days

Wondering if your child's or teen's school bus is running during bad weather?

- ✓ Visit the Student Transportation Services of Ontario website at www.stsco.ca and click on "Delay and Cancellation Information" at the top of the homepage.
- ✓ Listen to your favourite local radio station for bus cancellation.
- ✓ Voluntarily provided email address for direct email notices from STSCO by logging into the "Transportation Bus Lookup", at www.stsco.ca, with my child's OEN and Birthdate
- ✓ Fill out this handy reminder:

Child's bus company: _____

Route number/name: _____

Child's Ontario Education Number (OEN): _____
 (note: OEN is used to access child's bus stop information at www.stsco.ca and to sign-up to receive direct emails from STSCO)

- ✓ Please remember:
 - Schools normally stay open even when buses are cancelled.
 - If buses are cancelled in the morning, they won't run in the afternoon either.
 - If your child rides a school bus and it's cancelled, you don't need to call the school to report the absence.
 - If your child is a walker who does not ride a school bus, you still need to call the school if he or she is absent, even on an inclement weather day.
 - Please don't call the school to check on buses, as it ties up phone lines needed for possible emergency calls.

Peterborough City and County (also including Campbellford and area schools):

THE WOLF - 101.5 FM
 FRESH RADIO - 100.5 FM
 COUNTRY 105 - 105.1 FM
 ENERGY 99SEVEN - 99.7 FM
 MAGIC - 96.7 FM
 LIFE - 100.3 FM
 Extra CJMB - 90.5 FM

Clarington (Bowmanville & Courtice) area:

DURHAM CLASSIC HTIS - 1580AM, 107.7FM
 THE ROCK - 94.9 FM
 KX 96 FM - 95.9 FM

Cobourg, Port Hope & Northumberland:

THE BREEZE - 107.9 FM
 STAR 93THREE - 93.3 FM

Quinte West (Brighton):

CJBQ 800 AM
 MIX 97 - 97.1 FM
 COOL 100 - 100.1 FM
 ROCK 107 - 107.1 FM
 CLASSIC HITS 95FIVE - 95.5 FM

Bancroft (Apsley):

THE MOOSE - 97.7 FM

Lindsay:

91.9 BOB FM - 91.9 FM