



Student Transportation Services of Central Ontario (STSCO) Winter Newsletter

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.

On winter mornings, inclement weather and poor road conditions may lead to the delay or cancellation of school transportation services. The decision to cancel bus service due to inclement weather is made based on the daily weather forecast and in consultation with area bus companies between 5:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. All cancellation notifications are posted on STSCO's website www.stsco.ca by 6:15 a.m. Radio stations and STSCO's social media accounts are also updated at the same time. If you have provided an email address to STSCO, you will be in receipt of the cancellation or delay notification for your child(ren)'s route(s).

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

Also, keep in mind that you should:

- listen to your favourite local radio station for cancellation updates
- visit www.stsco.ca in the morning for delays or cancellations; or
- access STSCO's Parent Login at www.stsco.ca and sign up to receive delay and cancellation information by email and to obtain your child's bus route number as well as the bus company name and phone number.
- follow STSCO on Facebook or Twitter to learn about Mass Region or County Cancellations.

Other reminders include:

- If a bus is cancelled in the morning, it will also be cancelled in the afternoon.
- Make sure that your child is at the bus stop 10 minutes prior to the scheduled bus arrival time in the morning. If you meet your child in the afternoon, make sure you are at the stop 10 minutes before bus arrival.
- Review busing procedures with your child so they will know what to do if their bus is late or cancelled.

If you need to confirm your child's route number, you can visit www.stsco.ca and click on the "PARENT LOGIN" 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 birthdate. For those who may not be aware of their child's OEN student number, contact your school to get the information.

On inclement weather days, you are encouraged to visit STSCO's website or listen to your favourite local radio station for updates. If you do not find the information you are looking for you can also call the bus company of your child's route.

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

Joel Sloggett, C.A.O.



Inclement Weather Days

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

- ✓ Visit the Student Transportation Services of Ontario website at www.stsco.ca and click on "Cancellations & Delays" at the top of the homepage.
- ✓ Listen to your favourite local radio station for bus cancellations.
- ✓ Voluntarily provided email address for direct email notices from STSCO by logging into the "Parent Login", at www.stsco.ca, with your 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 is cancelled, you don't need to call the school to report the absence.
- If your child 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
 OLDIES - 96.7 FM
 LIFE - 100.3 FM
 FREQ – 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:

CLASSIC ROCK - 107.9 FM
 MY FM - 93.3 FM

Quinte West (Brighton):

CJBQ 800 AM
 MIX 97 - 97.1 FM
 COOL 100 - 100.1 FM
 ROCK 107 - 107.1 FM
 95FIVE HITS FM - 95.5 FM
 OLDIES – 100.9 FM

Bancroft (Apsley):

THE MOOSE - 97.7 FM

Lindsay:

91.9 BOB FM - 91.9 FM