



Student Transportation Services of Central Ontario(STSCO) Winter Newsletter - October/November, 2009

Dear Families, Parents and Guardians:

The winter season is once again fast approaching and it is very important that we recognize the need to review winter weather procedures with students. Aside from ensuring that students dress warmly for conditions and carefully obey all traffic rules when walking in the community, we would like to emphasize the following for those who are bussed to school:

- ◆ Prior to the beginning of the school day, inclement weather or poor road conditions may force the cancellation of school transportation services. In this event, bus delays and cancellations will be posted on the www.stsco.ca website. Also, area radio stations and media outlets will broadcast related information (see list below provided for your convenience).
- ◆ Remember that if a bus is cancelled in the morning, it will not run in the afternoon.
- ◆ As a parent or guardian, it is recommended that you:
 - *know your child's school bus route number;*
 - *know the name of the bus company operating the route;*
 - *listen to your local radio station or visit the www.stsco.ca website in the morning for delays or cancellations;*
 - *provide for getting your child safely to and from the school bus pick-up and drop-off location;*
 - *ensure that your child is at the school bus stop 5-10 minutes prior to the scheduled arrival time of the school bus; and*
 - *review contingency procedures with your child and cover such areas as what to do if the bus is late or cancelled and generally what to do when inclement weather is encountered on the way to or from the bus stop.*
- ◆ If you need to confirm your child's route number, you can call the STSCO Telephone Information Line (705-748-9240 or toll free 1-866-433-4441). When calling, 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, you can call the STSCO office and speak with a staff member to obtain the same (704-748-5500 or toll free 1-800-757-0307).
- ◆ The STSCO Telephone Information Line (705-748-9240 or toll free 1-866-433-4441) can also be used to check if there are any large scale bus cancellations (i.e. county or regional) on the day of the call.

By keeping the above tips in mind, you and your children will be better prepared to deal with issues which may arise in relation to transportation during the winter months ahead.

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

THE WOLF - 101.5 FM
THE KRUZ - 100.5 FM
COUNTRY 105 - 105.1 FM
ENERGY 99SEVEN - 99.7 FM

Clarington (Bowmanville & Courtice) area:

THE OLDIES - 1580AM, 107.7FM
THE ROCK - 94.9 FM
KX 96 FM

Bancroft (Apsley):

THE MOOSE - 97.7 FM

Lindsay

91NINE BOB FM - 91.9 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

Other Media Outlets (subject to local station settings):

CHUM/City TV