



# SCSD TRANSPORTATION NEWS

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the winter season and the second quarter of school year! As the weather continues to grow colder and less predictable, I wanted to fill you in on some important information regarding your student's bussing.

During this time of year, it is very important that you check radio stations and news channels for daily and weekly forecasts. From proper dress to hazardous roads, knowing this information is helpful and will keep students safe. Delays, closings and early dismissals will also be shared by these outlets. The district has set up a Robo-call and website alert system as well.

Whether your student walks to school or rides a bus, it is very important that they are dressed for the weather each and every day. Proper dress at this time should include a knit hat, gloves, scarf, a heavy jacket and boots. Please be sure that students who ride the bus are ready and visible at the bus stop ten minutes prior to the scheduled bus arrival time. Winter also brings early darkness, so it is good practice to be prepared for your student to be dropped off 10 minutes earlier, too.

As we continue to progress through this year and into next, we want to remind you that your bussing vendors are happy to assist with any questions or concerns. They can also provide estimated drop off and pick up times for your student's bus if it hasn't arrived yet. You will always find their phone numbers in the red bar alongside this letter.

Lastly, I wanted to share that your feedback is important and continues to help us ensure our efforts to provide safe and efficient transportation. This feedback is invaluable for us now and into the future if we are going to continue to make progress. Thank you for your support and communication.

Have a safe and happy holidays,

*Al Valachovic*

Transportation Supervisor



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IN THE KNOW...

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## BUS COMPANIES

**Brown Transportation**  
(518)393-6634  
**Durham**  
(518)355-1724 OR (518)355-1727  
**Northland**  
(518)393-4998  
**Star and Strand**  
(518)272-8248  
**Amazing Grace**  
(518)250-4664  
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(518)280-5955 OR (518)280-5940

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## WINTER WEATHER AND YOUR STUDENT’S BUS

It is important for families to know what to do in the event of bad weather. City roads can be tricky for busses to travel and can sometimes create delays picking up students. Below are a few tips to help direct families through the winter season.

- If there are any closings or delays, the school district uses multiple methods of communication:
  - Local News Stations (TV & Web)
  - School Website
  - Facebook
  - Twitter
  - Text Alerts: If you have not signed up for text alerts, go to: [www.schenectady.k12.ny.us](http://www.schenectady.k12.ny.us) -> Parents -> eNews and Text Message Alert Registration -> Text Alert Registration
- In the event of a weather related early dismissal, there are no after school activities or afternoon BOCES programs.
  - Dismissal for PK – 5 is at 12:15 PM
  - Dismissal for 6 – 12 is 1:30 PM

Families will be notified by the same methods as closings and delays, as well as Robo-call. If you have not provided the school with an updated phone number, please contact your child’s school.

## CROSSING GUARD LOCATIONS

- Stanley St and Steuben St
- Guilderland Ave and Ontario St
- Craig St and Wylie St
- Webster St and 7<sup>th</sup> Ave
- Albany St and Brandywine Ave
- Webster St and 6<sup>th</sup> Ave
- Congress St and 6<sup>th</sup> Ave
- Craig St and Delamont Ave
- Broadway and Ontario St
- Duane Ave and Avery St
- Guilderland Ave and Helderberg Ave
- Broadway and Hegeman St
- Forest Rd and Holland Rd
- Albany St and Robinson St
- Forest Rd and Main St
- Albany St and Elm St
- Belmont St and Rosa Rd
- State St and Elm St

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### UPCOMING DAYS OFF

#### DECEMBER

Holiday Recess  
December 24<sup>th</sup> – January 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### JANUARY

Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
January 21<sup>st</sup>

Staff Development  
January 28<sup>th</sup>

#### FEBRUARY

Winter Recess  
February 18<sup>th</sup> – February 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### MARCH

NONE



