Transportation Newsletter – Fall 2022

The **Waterford School District Transportation Department** would like to welcome back students, parents and staff for the 2022/23 school year.

Bus Stop Information

Bus stop assignments for those who are eligible for transportation services can also go to their **MiStar accounts** to review their child's bus stop information in the ***Transportation Info*** section. Route information will be available at all buildings and a **Transportation Phone Bank** will be available the week of **Aug. 22 – 26, 2022** from **9:00 am to 3:00 pm** to answer any transportation questions. Phone numbers will be (248) 673-0432, (248) 673-9116, and (248) 673-0367. **Post Cards will be mailed with bus stop assignments and how to access this information on MiStar.**

Bus Passes

Bus Passes will not be allowed again for the 2022/23 school year until further notice. In addition, please be aware it may necessary to assign riders to a seat on their assigned route to assist with monitoring and supervision.

Transportation Safety Legislation

In July 2021 Governor Whitmer signed into law important laws to increase safety for students and staff on school buses. Highlights of the laws include:

- Allowing stop-arm cameras to be installed on buses. **Video or photography would be allowed as evidence for law enforcement prosecuting vehicles** that illegally pass a school bus.
- **Setting a penalty for boarding a school bus without permission of the driver** as a civil infraction, which is punishable by a fine up to $500. A civil infraction penalty for impeding the progress or operation of a school bus will also be established.
- **Allowing a sticker to be affixed to the side of a bus** stating that unauthorized individuals attempting to board are subject to a civil infraction and fine.

DO NOT delay the driver at the bus stop. Please contact our office (248) 674-2692 for any questions/concerns.

Bus Rules for Students

As we begin a new school year, we remind all students and parents to be aware of safety procedures around school buses. Safety tips and Bus Rules for Students are included on our web page https://www.waterford.k12.mi.us/parents/district/transportation/ that will help refresh your child's knowledge of bus safety rules.

You can also look for the student bus rules in the Student Code of Conduct booklets distributed by the buildings or on the district website at **www.waterford.k12.mi.us**. Please review these rules with your child to ensure everyone's safety while riding the bus.

Bus Delay Information Available

Parents, students, and staff have available the latest information about Waterford School District transportation delays via **Blackboard Connect, Comcast Channel 22** (the District's educational cable channel) and the **district's website** at **www.waterford.k12.mi.us**. Messages will be sent when a bus is delayed 20 minutes or more due to traffic, inclement weather or mechanical difficulties. The message will contain the bus number, route number, and building name.

Parents should have a transportation contingency plan in place so students know what to do in the event of delays.

Emergency School Closings

In the event of inclement weather, school closings will be announced on the following: Blackboard Connect, TV Channels: 2, 4, 7 and 22; Radio Stations: WJR 760 AM, WWJ 950 AM, Channel Q95.5 FM as well as the district's web site at **www.waterford.k12.mi.us**.

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