



# SCSD TRANSPORTATION NEWS

FALL 2019

IN THE KNOW...

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have a lot of exciting news to share with you!

First, we have a new Transportation Team member! Sandy Gobind joined the department as a Transportation Assistant. Sandy is a resident of Schenectady, brings a wealth of knowledge to our team, and has a passion for student transportation. She is excited to be a part of this department, and looks forward to working with our families.



## PARENTS CORNER DID YOU KNOW...?



Schenectady City School District transports approximately **11,000 students** and completes **529 trips** daily. In the 2018-19 school year, buses traversed **1,348,200 miles!**

We also wanted to inform you of the eligibility of bussing for our students:  
For 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – 1 Mile or more from school  
For 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade – 1.5 Miles or more from school

Did you know about our Bus Safety Drills? Our Vendors perform State Mandated safety drills, training students on their regular routes. We also conduct Bus Safety Drills for students that are not riders. These Drills ensure the students' safety on field trips or any extracurricular activity. This is a glimpse of our last drill.



Flip over for more exciting news!

### TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

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TRANSPORTATION  
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### BUS COMPANIES

**Brown Transportation  
(518)393-6634**

**Durham  
(518)355-1724 OR  
(518)355-1727**

**Northland  
(518)393-4998**

**Capital Bus  
(518)300-4015**

**Star and Strand  
(518)272-8248**

**Amazing Grace  
(518)250-4664**

**Gateway  
(518)280-5955 OR  
(518)280-5940**

With the approaching cold weather, we want to ensure the students are equipped with a coat and gloves. We also encourage you to pay close attention to school notifications. Our department wants to ensure that your student arrives safely and on-time to events. Please feel free to reach out to your Transportation Team with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Our department has created a **Twitter** account so please follow our page for updates on delays and closings.



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**UPCOMING DAYS OFF**

**NOVEMBER**

Staff Development Day  
November 5<sup>th</sup>

Veterans Day  
November 11<sup>th</sup>

Thanksgiving Recess  
November 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>

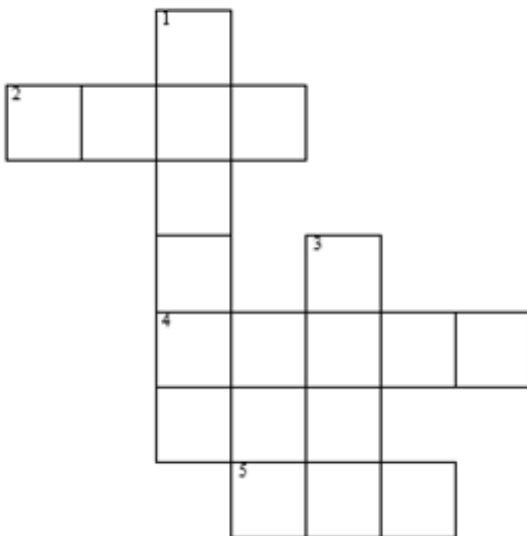
**DECEMBER**

Christmas Recess  
December 23<sup>rd</sup> – January  
3<sup>rd</sup> 2020

**Announcing our SCSD Transportation Phone Directory!**

As a reminder, the Transportation Department has set up a phone directory. Our number is (518)370-8103. Our options have changed to better serve you. The phone system allows parents or guardians to directly transfer to their student's bus company for questions regarding pick up, lost items and other vendor-related questions. There are also options for speaking with a transportation representative as well as an option for closures and delays. This option will become very important as we get closer to the winter months with inclement weather.

**FALL CROSSWORD**



- DOWN:**
1. We conduct Bus \_\_\_\_ Drills to better educate our Students
  3. Transportation is \_\_\_\_ to all students.
- ACROSS:**
4. Students are not to \_\_\_\_ any object on the bus.
  5. Students are expected to be at their bus stop \_\_ minutes prior their scheduled pick up time.
  2. Students are to sit in their \_\_\_\_ facing forward.