

Bus Transportation @ TDChristian 2020-21

Welcome to the transportation network @TDChristian!

Here are some need-to-know items about transportation:

The first week of commuting can be unpredictable as the GTA returns to work and traffic flows settle in. Please be at your stop at least **10 minutes before your designated time for the first week of school**, as routes get worked out. Once the drivers have settled into the route (after the first week) please be at your stop at least **5 minutes early for the rest of the year**. Buses may run ahead of schedule by a few minutes on a given day depending on traffic flow and stop location, and buses cannot wait for students at each stop. If the buses are within the 5 minute window of your designated time and you are not there, they have been instructed to keep moving. Stopping and waiting holds up traffic and slows down the route.

If you are driving to your stop, please **wait for the bus outside of your vehicle** so that the bus driver can clearly see you. This is particularly important for the first few weeks of school with new drivers and new students.

Bus Tracking GPS System: TDChristian has GPS units in its buses. This allows families to see where their bus is as it approaches their stop. To access the GPS locator, visit the TDChristian Splash! Page (top right corner), click on the Transportation tab and then click on the Bus Tracking option. To access the instructions for creating your BusTracker account please click on the drop down tab called Bus Tracking Info.

Bus Cancellation: In the event of a snow-day, all busses will be cancelled and the school will be closed for the day. This decision is usually made shortly after 6:00 a.m. Families will be notified of bus cancellations via an **automated call system**. This system will call/text the number(s) you provided your Bus Rep. Each household may have up to two numbers. These numbers should be the best numbers to reach you at between 6:00-6:30 a.m., please provide your bus rep with the correct number(s) before August 31.

EDSBY Group: Each bus route will have an Edsby group which will be used to relay generic information regarding your route from time to time. After the routes are ironed out over the first weeks of school, an updated route list will be added to the group as well.

Bus Passes: Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we will not be giving out bus passes this school year. Students may only ride on their assigned buses to limit the amount of contacts that each student has per day.

Missed Bus: If you miss your bus in the morning, you have three options:

1. Make your own way to school. Please inform the office if you are going to be late to school.
2. Drive to a stop further along the route and meet the bus there (route info is available in the Edsby group). **(Do not attempt to make the bus stop for you on the road. Drivers will only stop at designated stops)**
3. Stay home for the day. Please inform the office if this is the case.

Note: Each student/family will receive a Bus Transportation sheet in the August mailing with full details as to stop locations and times.