

THE BUS STOPS HERE



Safety Newsletter

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SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC

SUFFOLK BUS CORP.

**DREAM BIG,
WORK HARD,
STAY FOCUSED,
AND SURROUND
YOURSELF WITH
GOOD PEOPLE**

SURROUND YOURSELF WITH SAFETY: As the warmer weather approaches and the end of the school year nears, we typically find an increase in minor accidents. A minor accident can become a major accident very easily. When weather is poor, professional drivers will practice safe driving habits. In nicer warmer weather drivers can experience distractions and route hypnosis. Route hypnosis happens when you arrive at a destination and do not recall how you got there. You can combat this by practicing the following defensive driving techniques:

- At intersections...cover the brake. A professional driver will cover the brake and be prepared to stop. Other drivers may be daydreaming. Always expect the unexpected at an intersection. Do not take it for granted that other drivers will stop at a stop sign or red light.
- Make sure you make a full stop at all stop signs. Count 1,2,3 before proceeding and always look left, right and left again before proceeding.
- Leave a safe cushion between you and the car in front of you. Following too closely will always lead to an accident if the car in front of you stops abruptly. Use the 3 second distance rule in good weather and 4 second distance rule in inclement weather...notice when the vehicle in front of you passes an object like a light pole; 3 or 4 seconds should pass before you pass that same pole.
- Students and passengers may also be daydreaming. Review crossing procedures with your students at every stop and look out for passengers as they walk to and from the bus.
- Make sure your mirrors are adjusted properly during your pre-trip so you can view the front and sides of your bus.

Let us all work together to be on top of our game and avoid accidents from happening.

ON-SITE VACCINES: Your Union and the Company have worked very hard to get our employees vaccine appointments. We are excited to announce that now we are taking the vaccine to you! In conjunction with Rite-Aid Pharmacy, COVID-19 vaccines will be administered to interested employees and their family members on site.

Date: May 25, 2021 / Time: 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: 1849 Pond Rd. Classroom, Ronkonkoma

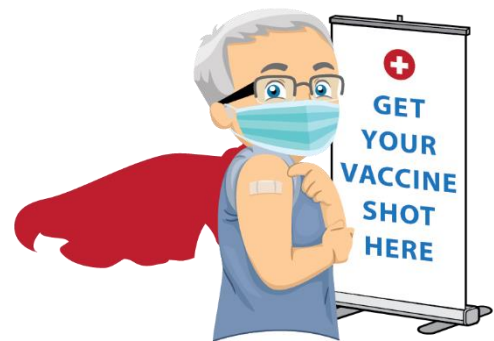
Vaccine: Johnson & Johnson (one shot)

Please see your Supervisor to sign up for the vaccine. When you sign up you will be given a one-page form to complete. Bring the completed form with you when you come for your vaccine, along with your insurance card. (You can still get a vaccine if you do not have insurance). A form must be completed by any family member you sign up for a vaccine. Vaccines can now be given to anyone 16 years of age or older. You will need to wait in the classroom for 15 minutes after you receive your vaccine.

SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE: Don't forget to vote on your school district budget on Tuesday, 5/18.



FACEBOOK: Our Facebook spotlight this week is Terri Massa, large bus Supervisor for Hauppauge School District out of 1849 Pond Rd.



“Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine!”