

THE BUS STOPS HERE



Safety Newsletter

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SUFFOLK BUS CORP.



SUMMER WORK: Yes, we are planning our summer season! Sign-up is now available on My Parking Space. Click on the Sun icon on your mobile device to sign up. All drivers and DA's hired on 1/1/17 or later need to sign up for summer work and attend the pick. If we have enough employees, you may get the opportunity to pass on summer work. Remember, summer programs are 6-8 weeks in duration.

DID YOU KNOW: If you have ever been involved in an accident with your bus and you have students on board, you are aware that we are

required to fill out an MV104F. This form is sent to the NYS Department of Education to track school bus safety trends. The 2023 SBSIOBSAAT (School Bus Safety Is One School Bus Stop At A Time) compiles this information. In future Newsletters we will share these trends so we can be safer drivers and DA's, ensuring our passengers get to and from school safely each day.

PRE-TRIPS: An important part of the pre-trip is sometimes taken for granted. Can you imagine driving your bus and a car begins to pull out in front of you...your first instinct is to hit the brakes and blow your horn. But what happens if your horn is not operating. Many drivers don't test the horn during the pre-trip. A quick tap on the horn before you head out of the yard could be a lifesaver during your route.

ADULT PROGRAM: We are anticipating a few additional runs in our adult program for drivers and DA's. This is a 52-week program that runs out of multiple yards. The routes average are 6 or more hours. If you are interested in working in the adult program, please contact Ann Rosenberg at arosenberg@suffolkbuss.com

SPRING RECESS: With the upcoming Easter and Passover holidays we find that some districts are closed the week before Easter while some are closed the week after and others are a combination of each week. On the reverse side of this Newsletter, we have updated the major districts we serve and their holiday schedules. Please note your school district calendars to understand when you are off. We also added important information pertaining to which week is a guaranteed week and when you may be eligible for unemployment. Please review this carefully. If you have any questions, please contact your supervisor.

REFRESHER CLASSES: Our new Pond Rd. classroom located at 1780 Smithtown Ave. is ready to hold our refresher classes. If you signed up for the Pond Rd. class, it will be held in the new classroom. We have added additional seats for these classes. Please remember to not walk into any class. You must be registered! To ensure you are registered, visit MPS and click on "Registered" under the "My Classes" icon. Remember to bring your Safety Manual to the class!

CDL PERMIT CLASS: We are holding a CDL permit class on Wednesday, 4/19, from 10:00AM-1:00 PM at the Safety & Training Center, 50 Saxon Ave. This is a great opportunity for DA's and friends and family to come in and get more information on driving and obtaining a CDL permit. This class is free, and everyone is welcome. Remember, you get a \$500 bounty for every driver referral you make after they drive with us for 6 months!



FACEBOOK: This week's spotlight is Heather Ciringione, Coram charter supervisor

"You cannot always control what goes on outside, but you can always control what goes on inside."