

# THE BUS STOPS HERE



*Safety Newsletter*

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SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC

SUFFOLK BUS CORP.

**SPECIAL NEEDS CLASS:** All school bus drivers and DA's that have a special needs route must attend the annual Special Needs Class. It will be held on Tuesday, 9/12, & Thursday, 9/14, from 5:30-6:30 PM at the 1780 Smithtown Ave classroom. You can walk in to either class. You will be paid 1 hour for this mandatory class. This year's topic is "I Have a Voice."

**PARKING LOT AT MOFFITT:** We have removed the first row of car parking in the Moffitt yard. The space is now available for buses to pull over if they need to run into the office. The new area is labeled **CHECK IN**. This now allows buses to not block the exit and ease congestion.



**CDL PERMIT CLASS:** We are holding our next CDL permit class on Wednesday, 9/13, from 10:00AM-1:00 PM at the Safety and Training facility located at 1780 Smithtown Ave, Ronkonkoma [behind Long Island McArthur Airport]. 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 for 6 months!

**OUR OWN FRANK KLEIN MAKES NEWSDAY:** In the Sunday edition of Newsday in the Our Town section, Frank was recognized for his recent President's Award from NYAPT (New York Association for Pupil Transportation). The award was in recognition of his leadership within the organization and the school transportation industry. Frank is also chairman of the New York State Education Department's Security and Safety Committee and is instrumental in assisting with the safety protocols for local fire and emergency departments by conducting programs such as drills for active shooter and evacuation situations.



**MESSAGE FROM THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION:** While the first day of school is here, we need to remember to adopt a sleep routine and schedule that ensures you get sleep at a reasonable time to wake up well rested and ready for the start of the school day. You should go to sleep around the same time each night to ensure enough sleep before the start of the school day. It's also important for parents to bring back any screen time rules that may have been relaxed over the summer and to make plans for healthy meals and snacks that fit into a busy schedule for their children. This is as important for teens as it is for younger children. Parents might also overlook the timing and need to get a wellness check scheduled to ensure the child is ready for school,



clear to participate in sports and up to date on recommended immunizations as we look forward to another school year.

**HEALTH INSURANCE OPEN ENROLLMENT:** It's time for our health insurance open enrollment! **This is for new enrollees only.** If you are interested in signing up for the Company health insurance or would like more information, please email [benefits@suffolkbus.com](mailto:benefits@suffolkbus.com). The enrollment period for applications ends on 9/20/23. Benefits will begin 10/1/23.

**AUGUST SAFETY WINNERS:** Thomas McGuinness, large bus; Karen Kelly, van; Deborah Aradjan, DA; Carmen Rodriguez, Transit; Jean Baxter, ADA; Edgar Ayala, Shop; Padma Venkatesan, management. Congratulations!



**FACEBOOK:** This week's Facebook spotlight is Johnny Corrado, Assistant Vice President

*"Do the best you can, no one can do more than that."*