

Student Transportation Information for the 2017-2018 School Year!

Route information will be available on **August 20, 2017** via the online “Parent Login” at www.ottawaschoolbus.ca Student Transportation Information can be found using the “Bus Stop Finder Login” located on the main page of the website, which will link to “Student Bus Stop Finder Information”. Enter your child’s last name, birthdate, school (Kanata Highlands) and grade in order to access route and stop information. The “Stop Finder” feature provides bus stop and route information for eligible students who have been assigned.

VERY IMPORTANT - Kindergarten Drop-Off Information / ID Tags

For new and returning Kindergarten students - Parents MUST make arrangements to have the SAME person meet your child at the stop every afternoon. **Parents may identify one alternate person only. OSTA has noticed that parents are submitting long lists of “alternate responsible people” to meet their children. OSTA will only accept 2 names and the driver will only release the child to 1 of 2 people on file.**

OSTA will be providing our school with bright yellow plastic tags that will be attached to ALL Kindergarten students’ backpacks. These will assist the drivers in making sure a responsible person designated by the parent, or the parent, is at the stop to collect the student at their drop off point.

School Bus and Pedestrian Safety Awareness Day

School Bus and Pedestrian Safety Awareness Day (First Rider Program) has been expanded and will run on Sunday, August 27, 2017 and again on Sunday, September 24, 2017. This important safety program is geared primarily for parents and children new to school bus transportation and/or who walk to school, although all elementary students are welcome to attend. Families can register online! For additional information please visit <http://www.ottawaschoolbus.ca/helpful-resources/school-bus-pedestrian-safety-day/>

Applications for Seat Availability

Students who had been approved to access service under the Seat Availability provision for 2016/17 will need to re-apply for service for 2017-18. The “Application for Access to Empty Seats on School Bus Vehicles” form is ONLY available on the OSTA website at <http://www.ottawaschoolbus.ca/policies/empty-seat-provision> and should be sent to OSTA directly. All applications will be reviewed and seats assigned after October 1, 2017.

For the safety of your child ... we ask you DO NOT put students on the bus prior to assignment to a bus route.