



## ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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### **RE: Bussing**

Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

Due to recent situations which occurred on some of the bus routes, we felt it was a good time to remind parents and students about the expectations when riding the bus.

- Any student riding a school bus **must be registered** with the Wildrose School Division (WRSD) or Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools (RDCRS) transportation.
- If your child is **ABSENT/NOT** on the bus please communicate with your **REGULAR ROUTE** bus driver to ensure they are notified. If you are unable to reach the bus driver, please call Prairie Bus Lines dispatch (403)845-4255 and a message should be relayed to the driver.
- If the regular route does not have a student when doing attendance, the driver should notify Prairie bus dispatch/school &/or parents.
- All busses have the Route # displayed in the window for students to see. Any RDCRS busses have “**S**” and their route # displayed in the window. (Caroline S56, S57 and S58).
- The WRSD shuttle busses are #1, 21, 11, 40. These busses shuttle to and from the Pioneer Bus lanes.
- The RDCRS shuttle is S58 which shuttles to St Dominic High School.

### **Bus Safety Reminders:**

- The driver is in charge at all times. Students must obey the driver promptly and respectfully. This includes assigned seating which may be front seating due to misbehavior.
- The parent/guardian is responsible financially for any damage to a bus.
- The use of tobacco, illicit drugs, alcohol and obscene language on the bus is prohibited.
- For safety reasons no hockey sticks/brooms or skis will be permitted on the bus. Items must be able to fit into a backpack.

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- Students should enter/exit the bus in an orderly fashion, and must remain quiet at all railway crossings.
- **Only registered students may ride the bus. A signed note indicating permission for the child to go to a friend's house must be given and accepted only if there is room on the bus.**
- Bullying will not be tolerated.

Any violation of these rules may be reported to the school administrator for consequences which could include suspension from riding the bus. This is in accordance with the School Act and Board of Education Policy. Parents may report any safety concerns to the school administrator ([teresa.johnson@rdcrs.ca](mailto:teresa.johnson@rdcrs.ca)).

Thank you for continuing to help us create a safe and caring environment for our students.

In Christ's service,

Mrs. Teresa Johnson  
Principal