

# 11th Day of Busing Update

We have had busing at TCGIS for 11 days! If you are interested in your child riding either bus, please complete the [Bus Commitment FY16](#).

**\*\*\*Stay Tuned \*\*\* for detailed information** of how to provide the recommended monthly \$50 donation. If you are familiar with our "OrderLunches" program, used to order the school lunch, the online bus donation area will be located on an additional tab within that site. **This feature is currently under construction and expected to be ready to go by the next Elternbrief.** In the meantime, feel free to drop donations off at the front desk for September with the *memo: "bus"*.

There are 102 students riding on the two routes. (11) Kindergarten, (18) 1st Grade, (12) 2nd Grade, (11) 3rd Grade, (14) 4th Grade, (10) 5th Grade, (9) 6th Grade, (12) 7th Grade, and (5) 8th Grade. We have welcomed 4 students joining the bus after the school year started. We've experienced one early release as well as many days of the NORTH bus arriving late to school that caused the **\*\*\*NEW\*\*\*** times were emailed to North bus families on September 14th. If your family was missed, I apologize for the short notice. The NORTH bus **\*\*\*NEW\*\*\*** times will begin tomorrow morning (Friday). The contents of the email is below:

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[NORTH BUS ROUTE TIME CHANGE NOTICE](#) (link to times)

September 14, 2015

Dear North Bus Riding Community,

Effective September 18th, this Friday, the morning pick up times are changing to an EARLIER time.

The north bus has been getting to school late everyday. In order to remedy this issue, it is necessary to make the pick up times earlier. We apologize for any disruptions this may cause in family schedules, however as a new program we are trying our best to be sure every kink is worked out.

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**Please be sure to read over the IMPORTANT drop off details:** The [Drop off Policy](#) is provided for greater safety & security of the students. *Please read what happens if an adult is **not at the stop**.* If you would like to provide permission for your child to walk home from the stop you must complete the **BUS CHANGE order** (below) for the student to be released from the bus without an adult. Otherwise, always plan to be at the stop 3-5 minutes before the bus is due to arrive. AND equally important, please have a backup plan if you are not able to be there. Other parents at the stop may be open to exchanging phone numbers for this purpose. Student safety is a primary concern and we do not want children to be left alone at a stop for any reason.

[BUS CHANGE order](#) If your child(ren) is/are not riding the bus am/pm or there is a change to bus permissions, stops or otherwise - **please use the bus change order form** so that the information can be correctly conveyed to the bus company. You should also notify the office and expect the link to the bus change order in reply even if you have already completed the bus change order. For field

trips, it is not necessary to complete the bus change order form. The school will contact JME for large group bus absences.

Thank you. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Wallace - [mwallace@tcgis.org](mailto:mwallace@tcgis.org).