

THE BUS STOPS HERE



Safety Newsletter

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SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC

SUFFOLK BUS CORP.



SHOUT OUT: We recently received the following email from the Brentwood School District regarding Silvia Bonilla Velasquez, large bus driver for Brentwood—"I wanted to share the wonderful and positive experience I had with the bus driver, Silvia Bonilla Velasquez, that was assigned to take us (Girls Volleyball Team) from North Middle School to Nesaquake Middle School. She arrived a few minutes early, she had us pulling into Nesaquake in under 30 minutes, we were able to start our game early, she came in and cheered us on and then had us back to North Middle School in 25 minutes. It was such a smooth ride and if possible I would totally request her for our future away games". We are proud to have Silvia on our team!

ANNUAL HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE IS BACK: It is that time of the year again where we collect non-perishable food items for families in our community. Our food drive will run from Monday, 12/12, through Friday, 12/16. Please look for the bins in the driver's rooms. After the Thanksgiving holiday many food pantries are empty. You can help to restock the shelves and make the upcoming holidays bountiful. There is no better gift than to give to those in need. Thank you for your support!

DRIVING SAFELY ON ICY ROADS:

1. Decrease your speed and leave yourself plenty of room to stop. You should allow at least three times more space than usual between you and the car in front of you.
2. Brake gently to avoid skidding. If your wheels start to lock up, ease off the brake.
3. Turn on your lights to increase your visibility to other motorists.
4. Keep your lights and windshield clean.
5. Use low gears to keep traction, especially on hills.
6. Be especially careful on bridges, overpasses and infrequently traveled roads, which will freeze first. Even at temperatures above freezing, if the conditions are wet, you might encounter ice in shady areas or on exposed roadways like bridges.
7. Do not pass snowplows and sanding trucks. The drivers have limited visibility and you are likely to find the road in front of them worse than the road behind.
8. Do not assume your bus can handle all conditions.



It is important to remember icy road conditions are not the cause of accidents. If it were, all drivers would get into accidents during inclement weather. Driver's behavior is the cause of accidents. Being alert to the road conditions and following the above procedures can save you from an accident.

CDL PERMIT CLASS: We are holding a CDL permit class on Tuesday, 12/13, from 10:00AM-1:00 PM at the Safety & Training Center, 50 Saxon Ave. This is a great opportunity for DA's to come in and get more information on driving and obtaining a CDL permit. This class is free, and everyone is welcome. If you have any friends or family who have thought about driving, please invite them to this class. Remember, you get a \$1,000 bounty for every driver referral you make after they drive with us for 60 days! DA's-you also get a \$1,000 bounty when you upgrade your license to a CDL license. The \$1,000 bounty will end on 12/31/22. Refer friends and family ASAP!



FACEBOOK: This week's spotlight is Douglas Keller, Trapeze Coordinator out of 1980 Pond Road



*"When we strive to become better than we are,
everything around us becomes better too."*