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*Safety Newsletter*

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SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC

SUFFOLK BUS CORP.



**SHOUT OUT:** What you do each day makes a difference in a child's life! This email received from a parent is a testament to that...."I am writing this letter to inform you that my family had a wonderful experience and are very grateful for both Jonathan Lazard and Kathy Colosi. My son had been transferred to BOCES out east because he was having a hard time transferring from the car to the school. When I found out he had to be driven way out east I thought it will be very challenging. He went from wearing a harness to quickly getting it removed and truly enjoying the bus rides. My son has felt very safe with them and they have been so empathetic, professional and caring and it made a big impact. I have a ton of respect for them in what they do as I know it's not easy and you need a lot of patience and dedication."

**DA MENTORING:** It is time for the annual mandated DA mentoring classes. This year's topic is "Keeping Your Cool." We will discuss in the 1-hour class how to remain calm when your patience is tested. The DA mentor class schedule has been posted on MPS. Click on "My Classes" to register.

1/31/23	Tuesday	50 Saxon Ave, Bay Shore	10:30 AM
2/1/23	Wednesday	50 Saxon Ave, Bay Shore	10:30 AM
		1849 Pond Rd, Ronkonkoma	10:30 AM
		1162 Old Town Rd, Coram	10:30 AM
2/2/23	Thursday	50 Saxon Ave, Bay Shore	5:30 PM
2/7/23	Tuesday	1849 Pond Rd, Ronkonkoma	10:30 AM
2/8/23	Wednesday	50 Saxon Ave, Bay Shore	10:00 AM
		1849 Pond Rd, Ronkonkoma	10:30 AM
		1162 Old Town Rd, Coram	10:30 AM
2/9/23	Thursday	50 Saxon Ave, Bay Shore	10:30 AM
		1849 Pond Rd, Ronkonkoma	10:30 AM
		50 Saxon Ave, Bay Shore	5:30 PM



**COVID PAY:** Employees must submit proof of a positive test to receive paid leave. Proof from a licensed medical provider or testing facility attesting that the employee has tested positive for COVID-19 is required. A picture of a home test does not qualify for isolation pay. The full Company policy can be found on MPS. Click on Notifications, click on Forms and look for "COVID Policy September 2022".

**FEBRUARY RECESS:** February recess is scheduled for Monday, 2/20/23 thru Friday, 2/24/23. This is an unpaid week for all school bus employees, and you may be eligible for unemployment benefits. When applying for unemployment, **do not** contact unemployment until Sunday, 2/26/23. Contacting the DOL earlier will result in a claim for the previous week, 2/13-2/17, when you received pay. Remember, you must work the full day before the break, 2/17/23, and the full day after the break, 2/27/23, to be eligible for the mid-year bonus.

**RADIO AD:** Listen to WALK FM to hear our latest radio ad or you can visit MPS. Click on Menu, Helpful Links, and WALK FM Radio Commercial. (No need to download, just click View).

**W2's:** Your W2 will be mailed out by 1/31/23. Please make sure the address on your paycheck stub is accurate as this is the address where your W2 will be mailed.

**DECEMBER SAFETY WINNERS:** Philip Greco, large bus; Javier Cruz Esquivel, van; Elsa Rosa, DA; Gerald Woodard, transit; George Renke, ADA; Thomas Santilli, Shop; Nannette Blumberg, management. Congratulations to all!

**FACEBOOK:** This week's spotlight is Cecilia Garcia Umana, large bus driver for Hauppauge School District out of 1849 Pond Road



*"Never underestimate the difference you make."*