

# THE BUS STOPS HERE



Safety Newsletter

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SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC

SUFFOLK BUS CORP.



**SHOUT OUT:** We received the following commendation from Comsewogue School District regarding large bus driver, Eugene Reynolds - "I just wanted to let you know how wonderful the transportation was today. The driver, Gene Reynolds, was extremely kind and accommodating to my students and a big help with all of their equipment that was needed to be placed on the bus. His patience with my class, even in the pouring rain, really helped make our first trip a success." STS is proud to have Gene on our team!

**THE WISEMAN VISITS 1849 POND RD:** Thanks to Diane Hasnisch, Hauppauge Large Bus driver STS was picked as a Great Place to Work by radio Station 98.1 Oldies. Diane stating that she arrived to work early one day last week and had on radio station Oldies 98.1. They happened to be having a contest for great places to work. With that being said, Diane entered the contest and nominated Suffolk Transportation. Diane WON!!!!!! Her prize included donuts delivered by the Wiseman himself. Pictured is Terri Massa, CM, Diane Hasnisch.

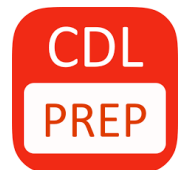


**CELL PHONE POLICY:** The Company strictly prohibits drivers, driver assistants, mechanics, bus washers and fuelers the use of cell phones or similar electronic or non-electronic devices while on duty (hands free, wired and/or blue tooth included). This policy applies while driving or in any way performing activities related to your responsibilities/duties while on the bus or on the Shop floor. This policy includes:

- Cell phones including wrist phones or iPad/tablet are not to be used on school property; this includes waiting for students to board the bus at schools.
- Receiving or placing calls, text messaging, internet use, reading or responding to an email, checking for phone messages or any other purpose (tablet/iPad).
- Cell phones or tablet/iPad must be turned off and safely stowed (not visible), which would otherwise create a distraction to the driver, driver assistant, mechanic, and bus washer.

Further details can be found in the Safety Manual, Section 14.09.

**CDL PERMIT CLASS:** We are holding a CDL permit class on Wednesday, 2/15, from 10:00AM-1:00 PM at the Safety & Training Center, 50 Saxon Ave. This is a great opportunity for DA's, and friends and family to come in and get more information on driving and obtaining a CDL permit. This class is free, and everyone is welcome. Remember, you get a \$500 bounty for every driver referral you make after they drive with us for 6 months!



**SBC HOLIDAY:** Paid holidays for Line, ADA, Shop and the Call Center will automatically be banked. If an employee wants the day to be paid out, they must request the payout through their Supervisor during the week of the holiday. This will begin with the upcoming President's Day holiday.

**WINTER COATS:** If you are due for a winter coat, please stop by the Safety & Training Center, 50 Saxon Ave, and see Linda Familia.



**FACEBOOK:** This week's spotlight is Donna Vickers, van driver for Smithtown School District out of 1849 Pond Road

*"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement."*