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First Rider Program - A program for first time JK/SK/Primary bus riders

Dear Parent or Guardian of new JK/SK/Primary students,

The Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) provides student transportation services within Simcoe County for the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) and the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board (SMCDSB). The role of the SCSTC includes contracting bus and vehicle operators on behalf of the SCDSB and SMCDSB.

The SCSTC is pleased to welcome your student to the experience of riding on the school bus for the first time!

We invite you and your student to take part in the **FREE** informative **First Rider Program** - a school bus safety program for first time school bus riders, which includes a ride on a real school bus!

This **FREE** program is provided by the SCSTC, in partnership with our school bus operators, to educate students and their families of the rules and responsibilities on and around the school bus. Each identical session will run for approximately one hour. Parents or Guardians and their students attending ANY school in Simcoe County may attend ANY of the sessions.

The format for the First Rider Program is as follows (approximately one hour):

1. Programs start on the hour. Start times are listed below.
2. Topics covered include: school bus facts, safety rules on and around the school bus and responsibilities of riding the bus.
3. School bus safety video is viewed.
4. Students and families are taken on a short school bus ride to practice safe loading and unloading, and school bus riding procedures.

The August 2014 First Rider Program proposed dates, times and locations are as follows (to be confirmed early spring):

Wednesday	August 13 (6:00 pm)	Alliston	- Alliston Union Public School **Updated Feb 25, 2014**
Monday	August 18 (9, 10, 11 am & 12 noon)	Bradford	- St. Jean de Brébeuf Catholic School
Wednesday	August 20 (9, 10, 11 am & 12 noon)	Barrie	- St. Michael of the Arc Angel Catholic School
Friday	August 22 (9, 10, 11 am & 12 noon)	Orillia	- Monsignor Lee Catholic Elementary School
Saturday	August 23 (9, 10 & 11 am)	Barrie	- St. Michael of the Arc Angel Catholic School
Saturday	August 23 (9, 10 & 11 am)	Midland	- Mundy's Bay Public School
Saturday	August 23 (9, 10 & 11 am)	Wasaga Beach	- Birchview Dunes Elementary School
Saturday	August 23 (9, 10 & 11 am)	Bradford	- St. Jean de Brébeuf Catholic School
Monday	August 25 (9, 10, 11 am & 12 noon)	Collingwood	- Mountain View Elementary School
Wednesday	August 27 (9, 10, 11 am & 12 noon)	Midland	- Mundy's Bay Public School
Wednesday	August 27 (6:00 pm)	Barrie	- Maplegrove Elementary School
Friday	August 29 (9, 10, 11 am & 12 noon)	Alliston	- St. Paul's Catholic School

For updates on the First Rider Program including dates and locations visit the "Home" page of the SCSTC website and click on the "Safety" tab at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca.

Please contact me at slevasseur@scstc.ca if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

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