

Letter from Transportation Coordinator



Every day, our staff team works hard to ensure that students are enfolded, engaged, and empowered to learn for service in the light of God's Word. For many of our students, that experience begins and ends on one of our school buses.

For the 2026-2027 school year, we have 17 bus routes serving families across the GTA. Our long-time transportation partner, Parkview Transit, continues to provide our drivers and buses, and we are grateful for the care they show our students each day. We value this long-standing partnership and look forward to another great year together.

With students travelling to TDChristian from such a large area, creating our bus routes is a significant undertaking. Every effort is taken to provide stops that are as convenient as possible for families while balancing the needs of the entire community.

We know that the bus ride is a significant part of a student's day and we want the time spent on the bus to be a positive extension of the culture we work to build at TDChristian. Our buses need to be safe, welcoming places for students and drivers alike. We ask every student to take responsibility for contributing to that environment. Students are expected to follow the transportation expectations outlined in the Student & Family Handbook. This includes:

- Remaining seated while the bus is moving
- Choosing appropriate language and behaviour
- Following the driver's instructions
- Following expectations regarding food and drink
- Respecting the personal space and privacy of others
- Refraining from taking or sharing unsolicited photos or videos of others
- Refraining from wearing strongly scented colognes, perfumes, or body sprays

TDChristian has a **zero tolerance policy for vaping on school buses**. Students who vape on the bus will face significant consequences, which may include the loss of bus privileges. We take this expectation seriously in order to protect the safety and well-being of everyone on the bus.

We know that a lot can happen during a school bus ride, and we encourage families to reach out when something doesn't seem right. If you have a question, concern, or suggestion about the transportation experience, feel free to reach out to me directly.

Thank you for your partnership as we work together to make transportation a safe, respectful, and positive part of the TDChristian experience this year.

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