



November 2018 Newsletter

## NWSD Transportation Newsletter

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DO NOT PASS A  
SCHOOL BUS WHEN  
IT HAS ITS STOP ARM  
OUT!

NOT ONLY IS IT  
ILLEGAL, BUT IT IS  
DANGEROUS!

Winter has arrived in full force. As you know, with winter, comes fog, ice, or sometimes rain. If our drivers feel that the weather in your area is unsafe, bus run.

### Approaching and passing a stopped bus

When approaching a school bus, begin to slow down as soon as the flashing red lights come on. This is your warning that the bus is either getting ready to stop or has a stop arm extended. You're not allowed to pass the bus in either direction once the flashing red lights and stop arm are activated.

Keep in mind that not all buses use red or amber/red combination flashing lights. To make sure you know the school bus rules for your community, and always follow the rules of a school bus.

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### Upcoming Events

**November 26**

NWSD PD Day

**December 24 to January 4**

Christmas Holidays!

The following was taken off of the SGI website, for more information check them out at <https://www.sgi.sk.ca/search?q=school+bus>

Today's lesson: School zones + speeding = dangerous and expensive  
*School zones are September's Traffic Spotlight; learn to slow down and #KeepKidsSafe*

### First period: MATH

Today's lesson: **School zones + speeding = dangerous and expensive.**

Speed limits are often lower in school zones, and fines for speeding in a school zone are higher than regular tickets (and [were recently increased](#)). Obey the posted signs.

Exceeding the speed limit by 20 km/h = a \$310 ticket, when you add up the base fine, the excess km/h charges, and the victims of crime surcharge. (Trust us; we always got A's in math.) And a vehicle ticketed 40 km/h over the limit = \$570.

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### SGI Quick Facts - School zone safety 2017 Report Card

- 20 collisions in school zones. 2 pedestrians suffered injuries. - Room for improvement
- More than 18,000 convictions for speeding in school zones. - Slow down! When you rush, mistakes happen!
- 71 convictions for disobeying a school bus signal. - Please try harder to pay attention

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### Second period: PHYSICS

Today's lesson: **When a vehicle collides with a pedestrian, the pedestrian *always* loses.**

The faster a vehicle is travelling, the more likely it is to kill or injure a pedestrian in a collision. One study found that a vehicle striking a pedestrian at 50 km/h results in a fatality 55 per cent of the time. Furthermore, higher speeds make it harder to avoid collisions because they reduce reaction time and increase stopping distance.

### A message from the principal

"Many of the pedestrians in school zones are children who are smaller, more vulnerable and don't always follow the traffic rules," said Penny McCune, Chief Operating Officer of the Auto Fund. "It's important that motorists lower their speed, yield to pedestrians and watch out for kids who may dart out unexpectedly. Remember to obey commands from crossing guards, and take care around school buses that have stopped to load or unload kids."

### Homework

Some of the most important lessons are taught at home. Parents, remember to talk to your kids about how to keep safe in a school zone:

- Cross at crosswalks and controlled intersections, instead of jaywalking.
- Make eye contact with drivers and wait until they stop before crossing.
- Heads up, screens down! Pedestrians AND drivers should both avoid distractions.

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We are always looking for spare bus drivers – If you would like information on how to become a bus driver, please contact Karrie at [karrie.nordell@nwsd.ca](mailto:karrie.nordell@nwsd.ca) or call the office 306-845-2150. Once you have your S Endorsement, we will book you in for an in-class training session. The next dates are listed below, but we try to have them every month, so if you can't make these dates, check back!

### **In Class Driver Training**

Driver In-Class Training: \*Required for ALL new drivers, but any current driver can come for a refresher course!

- **December 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30**

Turtleford Division Office, please confirm your attendance **before November 30<sup>th</sup>**.

- **January 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30**

Meadow Lake Division Office, please confirm your **attendance before January 4<sup>th</sup>**.

We require **all new drivers** to have In-Class Training, so please sign up for a class if you haven't had it yet, experienced drivers can also join us! The class lasts about 3.5 hours, and you will be paid to attend.

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More info from SGI

### **SGI Quick Facts - Distracted Driving**

- #1 contributing factor in total Saskatchewan collisions.
- #2 contributing factor in fatal collisions.
- \$280 fine + 4 demerits.
- 42 people killed and 1,205 injured in nearly 8,300 distracted driving collisions in 2016.
- New drivers in Graduated Driver Licensing program prohibited from both handheld and hands-free phone use.
- 15.9% of all fatal crashes in 2016 were related to distracted driving (22% alcohol involvement, 9.2% speed related).
- 3 years of increases in fatalities, injuries and collisions.

