

BUS DELAYS

From time to time there will be delays in the bus service due to driving conditions, an accident, mechanical problems, or the need for an alternate driver to drive a route. Westmount utilizes the "My Bus Stop" system provided by Southland for parents to be able to go online to check the status of the bus.

In preparation for delayed or cancelled service, it is critical that parents develop a back-up plan that is well understood by their children. Please anticipate that there will be days on which your bus is significantly delayed. The responsibility for the safety of your child is shared both by our carrier and parents. Parents are responsible to the point at which the student boards the bus, our carrier is responsible while the student is being transported. Never leave children at the stop without backup arrangements for an emergency.

- Check the mybusstop.ca website to track the bus location. Have the Southland Transportation number (403) 287-1335 close at hand to find out the status of a delay.
- Have a family member, friend or fellow Westmount family prepared to carpool if necessary. Get to know the other parents on your route, and have their phone numbers ready.
- Familiarize yourself with the other bus routes in your area so that you can use an alternate stop if necessary. All routes are posted on Westmount's website under Transportation.
- If a bus's departure is delayed from school in the afternoon, the students will collect in the school atrium where they will be able to call home if they so choose and where they will wait for the bus or, if arranged, wait for a parent's arrival.
- Please ensure your children are dressed appropriately for weather conditions.

BUS COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

Westmount Charter School subscribes to the My Bus Stop GPS tracking system provided by Southland Transportation. By creating a log on you can track the bus. This is the quickest way to learn of delays to your bus route. MyBusStop is a GPS tracking service which delivers real-time information on a subscriber's bus location and possible route delays. If your bus is more than 10 minutes late and you have not seen a delay on the MyBusStop website please contact Southland Transportation dispatch immediately to find out the status of your bus.

SCHOOL CLOSURE

In the event of hazardous winter conditions, Westmount's Principal, or designate, will determine if school will be open or closed and/or if the buses will run. If the weather is questionable, please listen to school closure reports on your local radio, AM 660 News, CHQR 770 and CBC 1010, and TV stations City (8), Global (7) and CFCN (3) for both school and busing updates. If at all possible, an email will be sent and a notice placed on the school website as well. If possible, MyBusStop will have a message displaying a school closure message.

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