



Transportation Corner for December of 2022 Parents

The transportation department wanted to pass along some praise for our students and a few reminders that you can talk to your children about. The following are things that have been noticed that we would appreciate you knowing about and also passing along to your child.

#1. The majority of our students follow our riding rules but we can always do a few things better.

#2. The majority of our students are pleasant and practice good manners. It means a lot to the drivers and to me when we get a "good morning" or "hope you have a good evening Mr. Bus Driver". I would also note that our drivers do a great job of greeting and engaging the students as they enter or exit the bus. This may not seem like much but developing these "soft skills" such as how to appropriately engage with an adult go a long way in later life. With that said, a couple of things that our riders can do a better job of and help protect them as they ride include . . .

#1. If sitting next to the aisle the student needs to keep their body out of the aisle. Many students want to lean out to talk to someone across or at an angle or behind them. If the driver has to go hard on the brakes the student has a greater chance of being injured. Bus seats are designed using what is called "compartmentalization" but it is only effective if the rider stays fully in the compartment.

#2. The student sitting next to the aisle not only needs to keep their body out of the aisle but also their book bag. The greatest blind spot for the driver is that area directly behind the bus and being able to see out that back door glass is crucial. It is nice to know when we have a car in that spot and it decides to pass us.

On behalf of the transportation department we want to wish you a very Merry Christmas!

AGS has an 8th grade student place in a National Writing Contest:

Congratulations to Aidan Edwards for placing in the Chicago Young Writers Review Contest with his written memoir entitled, "My Happy Place". Aidan's piece was one of the top 13 pieces from students around the country that will now be published in an online book with all 13 winners pieces compiled. Aidan will also receive a certificate from the Chicago Young Writers Review. Mrs. Smith had the students complete this writing assignment for her ELA classes and she submitted six different student pieces to the contest. Way to go Aidan and keep writing!! You are going places!

