

Dear Parents;

The summer is going quickly. I trust you've had a restful and wonderful time with your children. I am contacting you with information about the bus transportation options for the 2009-10 school year. Enclosed you will find a bus sign-up form, which includes the cost information and a draft schedule. *Final pick-up and drop-off locations and times will not be available until mid-August*, as we finalize the routes after we receive the sign-up forms. **Depending on sign-up results and anticipated usage, some routes may not be offered. We will let you know if a route you have signed up for will not be offered in 2009-10.**

Please return the bus sign-up form to the Business Office on or before August 21, 2009. This form will also be available on our website: www.chasecollegiate.org under Admissions and Transportation. Should you need additional copies of this form, please copy the enclosed or download it from our website.

I am certain you have noticed the meteoric and ever-continuing rise in gasoline prices. We have tried to contain costs to the best of our ability; please understand we have not passed on the entire increase or cost to you, and we continue to subsidize a significant percentage of the bus costs.

For the 2009-10 year:

To use the morning and afternoon dismissal bus *daily for the entire year*, the cost will be **\$2,500**.

To use the morning and afternoon dismissal bus *daily for one trimester*, the cost will be **\$940**.

One way morning or afternoon dismissal bus will cost \$9.60 per trip.

The **late bus will be \$15.85 per trip IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER OPTION CHOSEN ABOVE**. For example, if you opt to pay for the morning and afternoon dismissal bus for the entire year (at \$2,500) and then need to ride the late bus for an occasional trip, there will be an additional cost of \$15.85 per trip. The late bus is the most expensive run and the one that has the least usage; the cost reflects this.

When using the late bus, you or your child will need to **inform the division assistant** (Carol Riebe, Upper School, Leslie Dawkins, Middle School, and Irene Belden, Lower School) **by 10 AM on that day**. You will be billed monthly for your late bus usage. We have again negotiated with All Star Transportation to allow us to cancel the late bus runs if we know there will be no one using it, and this represents a significant savings to everyone.

Calculations should be done by individual families to determine the best choice for bus sign-up. If you would like additional information or explanation, please do not hesitate to give me a call at 203-236-9582 or contact the Admissions Office at 203-236-9560.

Bus service within Waterbury will continue to be provided by the City of Waterbury at no charge. The scheduled routes and times are published in the *Republican American* in mid-August. You may contact their bus company directly (Durham School Services, 203-591-1847) if you have questions about your particular stop, but please wait until mid-August to do so (as routes are not finalized until that time).

Sincerely,

Stephen Carleton, CPA
Business Manager