

## The Providence Activity Bus

Providence provides an activity bus which runs in the evening. This service is different from the daily pickup and drop-off service. **The activity bus is intended to go in the vicinity of your neighborhood; it is not intended to provide door-to-door service.** Students on the activity bus are dropped at a safe place so that their parents may pick them up and take them home in a reasonable amount of time. Activity buses will not go into subdivisions unless it is convenient for the route; nor will the drivers go out of their way. If students are unable to walk from the drop-off points to their house, we expect them to call their parents for a ride.

**For a regular daily bus rider, the activity bus is included in your bus fee. The fee for non-daily riders to an existing regular route stop is \$4.00 per day.**

Activity bus riders may get off the bus anywhere along the route, but the drop-off point must be arranged with the driver before the start of the nightly run. It is the student's responsibility to discuss with their parents where the most convenient drop-off point will be, and how the student will get home from that point.

In the evening the activity bus runs in the fall at about 6:30 p.m. The west and east side activity buses run only when there is sufficient ridership.

### *East Side Activity Bus Route*

*(Only if there are enough riders)*

West on Rt. 30. -Right (North) on Gougar Rd. - Right (East) on Rt. 6. -Left (North) on Cedar Rd. to 159th St. -Right (East) on 159th St. to Bell Rd. -Left (North) on Bell Rd. to 143rd St. right (East) to 82nd Ave. -Right (South) on 82nd Ave. to Wheeler Ave. (1/2 mile South of 151st) -Left (East) on Wheeler to 80th Ave. -Right (South) on 80th Ave. to 171st. and 80th. Ave. - Left on 171st. to Harlem Ave. -Right (South) on Harlem Ave. to Rt. 30 (Frankfort Square) South to -Right (West) on Laraway Rd. - Right (North) on Gougar to Providence. Subject to change when necessary.

### *West Side Activity Bus Route*

*(Only if there are enough riders)*

From PCHS West I-80 exiting at Larkin Avenue North. Left on McDonough dropping students at Wal-Mart. Back onto West I-80 exiting south I-55 to Rt. 6 exit, dropping students at McDonalds. Back onto North I-55 exiting at Rt. 59 dropping students at Burger King at Rt. 52 and 59. North on Rt. 59 to the BP gas station Caton Farm Rd. and 59. East on Caton Farm Rd. dropping at Essington and Caton Farm. Caton Farm East to Rt. 30 dropping at Rt. 30 and Caton Farm at Walgreens. Continuing on Rt. 30 dropping at Larkin and Rt. 30 at Subway. Continuing on Rt. 30 dropping at six corners near CVS Pharmacy, on Rt. 30 onto Center St. to Jefferson across from Wendy's. Students use crosswalk. Continuing on Center St. to East I-80 exit to Maple back to PCHS. The route is subject to change when necessary.

#### **For more information call:**

The Providence Catholic Transportation Company  
(815) 485-0638

## *The Providence* *Transportation* *Company* **Busing Program**



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The Providence Transportation Company exists to make it possible for students to get to and from school quickly and conveniently. The company will make reasonable adjustments to the bus routes, **but cannot provide door-to-door service, and cannot guarantee that a student will be picked up a short distance from his/her home.** For some families, busing may not be provided because of their remote or off-the-route location.

Some sacrifices by the bus riders are required, since no parent or student pays the entire cost of the daily bus ride. Parents are asked to pay only 37% of the total busing cost. Providence Catholic absorbs the remaining 63%. This is done so that fees remain reasonable and students who want to attend Providence Catholic are not discouraged because of a large busing bill.

# Bus Routes

The following general bus routes run every school day through your area to Providence.

Channahon, Shorewood, Oak Forest, Tinley Park, Lockport, Lemont, Homer Township, Crest Hill, Joliet, Palos Park, Palos Heights, Orland Park, Orland Hills, Green Garden, Frankfort, Mokena, New Lenox, Manhattan, Matteson southeast Plainfield, Woodridge and Bolingbrook.

In the first few weeks of school it is necessary to adjust the bus routes with regard to pickup times and locations so that all buses will arrive at school with enough time for students to go to their lockers and proceed to their first period class. All buses should arrive at Providence by 7:40 a.m. Routes are subject to change by the company.

The Providence Catholic bus on your route may stop in or near your subdivision, but may or may not enter it, depending on the total distance and time the bus will run before arriving at school. Buses will travel only on main streets in subdivisions. We ask parents to understand that **students may be required to walk up to six blocks to their bus pickup point. All contracts received after June 15<sup>th</sup> will be assigned to pre-existing bus stops.**

**Cluster Stops** are needed in all zones to shorten bus routes and the length of time students must ride the bus. In some cases, students must walk or parents may have to drive students to the bus pickup point. This inconvenience is necessary so that the bus may pick up as many students as possible and still be at Providence Catholic in time for classes. The following are cluster stops:

1. Amoco Station, Mississippi St. in Elwood
2. Dominicks, 127th & Ridgeland in Palos
3. White Castle, 147th & Cicero in Midlothian

4. Jewel, Caton Farm & Route #59, Joliet
5. St. Mary Immaculate School, Rt. #59, Plainfield
6. Dominicks, I-355 & 63<sup>rd</sup> St., Woodridge
7. Meijer, I-355 & Boughton Rd, Bolingbrook

The bus will not wait for students who are not in sight when the bus driver reaches their stop.

There are some areas where we cannot send buses because of the distance or logistics. We make every effort to keep the bus routes as short as possible.

**Providence Catholic will not provide bus service north of Main Street, downtown Lemont or North of Caton Farm Rd., Plainfield. If you live beyond these boundaries, you must bring your student to a prearranged drop-off point to ride the bus.** If it is not possible for us to work out an accommodation with you, we will not be able to provide bus service for your student.

Providence Catholic operates several bus routes in the morning over many miles. Because of the vast territory covered, the buses will be on the road for some time. If you live furthest away from Providence Catholic on the route you may expect an early pickup time, since the first pickup usually occurs at the point furthest away or most difficult to access for the bus company. After school in the evening, the bus logically goes to the closest point to begin making drop-offs, and unfortunately, those first on the bus in the morning are often the last off the bus in the evening. The school understands that this is an inconvenience for some families, but years of experience have shown us that this is the best way to operate busing. The majority of pickups begin after 6:30 a.m; however, some may be before 6:30 a.m.

***The Providence Transportation Company is the final authority on the time and location of bus pickups and drop-offs.***

# Busing Fees Per Student

## **Zones:**

1. East side of Joliet, New Lenox .....\$800
2. West side of Joliet, Rockdale, Crest Hill .....\$825
3. Manhattan, Frankfort, Mokena, Homer Township, Lockport .....\$850
4. Orland Park, Tinley Park, Orland Hills, Lemont, Elwood, Channahon, Shorewood, Green Garden Township, Matteson, Oak Forest, Palos Areas, Plainfield, Woodridge, Bolingbrook .....\$900

## **Family Discount**

Second Student	10%
Third Student	25%
Fourth Student	FREE

# Behavior on the Bus

All Providence Catholic buses are considered to be an extension of the school. While on any Providence Catholic bus, all students are expected to act with respect and dignity. No disrespect or bad behavior will be permitted. Students reported by the driver or anyone else for bad behavior will be given a detention. If necessary they will be suspended from the bus for a period of time, determined by the Dean's Office. The bus is provided as a convenience and not an obligation.