

Friday, December 07, 2018

Dear CES Families,

The goal of the Catskill Central School District is to provide safe, smooth, and timely transportation for all our students. To meet this goal, we at CES are working as a team with the Middle and High Schools to assist some of their students in getting home earlier.

Beginning Monday, December 10th, the small number of students who stay after school for extracurricular and academic activities at the secondary campus will board a 3 pm Late Bus Shuttle. The Shuttle will bring them to Catskill Elementary School, where students will be directed to the Elementary School buses that cover their respective routes. There will be ample adult supervision at all times during this process.

The new system will take place Monday through Thursday. Depending on the day, it may involve between 10 and 25 extra students spread across 18 buses. When fully implemented, it will free up an additional bus for unforeseen circumstances. If a bus has a mechanical issue in the circle, the Late Bus Shuttle will be able to quickly take its place so that our CES students can leave for home on time.

Because of the small number of additional students involved, this change will impact just a few buses each day. **Elementary student arrival times will not be affected**, while older siblings from the secondary campus may now arrive home at the same time as their younger brothers and sisters.

Each of the Middle and High School students privileged to participate in this new system will be held to a standard of excellence in behavior. They will have the opportunity to be peer role models to younger classmates, strengthening the Catskill Central School District community.

As always, please contact my office if you have any questions. In addition, you can reach Transportation directly at 518-943-2300, ext. 1413. A member of the Transportation Department will always be available until the last student is home.

All the best,

John Rivers

John Rivers, Principal Catskill Elementary School