

April 4, 2023

Dear Parents, Guardians and RDCRS Staff,

Welcome to Holy Week, the most sacred period of our liturgical calendar! Unique, beautiful liturgies surround us as we participate in the most solemn observances and joyous feasts that begin on Palm Sunday and culminate with Easter Sunday as we remember and participate in the Passion of Jesus Christ, the final period of Christ's life in Jerusalem.

At the March Regular Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of changes within the transportation processes:

- Students eligible for busing, if necessary, will receive up to two bus stops to accommodate up to two addresses.
- Should the student's second bus stop be located on the same route as the student's primary address's bus stop, no additional transportation fees would apply.
- If a student's second bus stop requires the use of a second bus route, within the school catchment, a fee of \$150 will apply to offset the seat being occupied on a second bus route.
- If a student's second bus route is outside the school catchment there will be no busing provided.

**Bus Registration:**

When registering a child for busing, parents/guardians will need to register using their primary address that is within their school's catchment. If the parent/guardian requires the child to be dropped off at an alternate address (as described above), they will be able to add an alternate address into their bus registration. If the alternate address falls within catchment but does not fall into the child's pre-existing bus route, then a second bus would be needed on an alternate route and a \$150 fee will be charged.

To ensure we are following the recommended changes, **two bus stops** are allowed per family within the school's catchment.

<b>Primary Approved Bus Stop</b>	This is the student's primary physical and mailing addresses.
<b>Secondary Approved Bus Stop</b>	This is <b>only</b> used as a secondary address for Transportation to dayhome, daycare, <b>or</b> contact 3 address - this is not intended for extra-curricular activities.  Contact 3 as defined in PowerSchool, is the parent/legal guardian living at an address that is <b>DIFFERENT</b> than the primary approved bus stop. Example: Students may live at the primary approved bus stop, 50% of the time and Contact 3 the other 50%.

To efficiently plan routing we request that all transportation registrations are received on or before June 15th, 2023. Requests received after June 15th will be processed, however a late fee of \$50/student will be applied.

The revised transportation processes will come into effect at the start of the 2023-2024 school year.

Please note that after the 2023-2024 school year, transportation for families that chose **grandfathering** will be at the parents' organization and expense; for example, they could access The City of Red Deer Transit system, parent/guardian transportation, car pooling, or walking. After June 2024, RDCRS' transportation system **will not** be busing students who have chosen to grandfather.

God's blessings on you as you celebrate Holy Week with your families and friends. I encourage you to participate in one of the many celebrations offered at our parishes this week, to take time to pause, reflect, and pray in community.

God bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Finnigan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'F' and 'i'.

Dr. Kathleen Finnigan  
Superintendent