

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT BUSING?

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SAVE GAS MONEY / AVOID PARKING LOT CONGESTION?



Duncan Christian School contracts to Mid Island Bus for our school bus routes. Each new school year Mid Island Bus and DCS Administration take the following into consideration when planning the bus routes for the school year: ridership demand, safety of stops, and minimizing the time students are on the bus. We try to accommodate as many stops for ridership as possible each year. Also whenever possible, for all routes, we will try to accommodate custom stops for primary grade students to ensure their stops are close to home whenever possible. Please be assured that your child's safety continues to be our number one priority and that it is our privilege to transport your most precious cargo to school and home again!

If you are interested in registering for the bus please complete a bus registration form.

BUSING INFORMATION

Adjustments may be made to the routes by the Administration of DCS and Mid Island Bus depending on the ridership. Schedules will be sent home at the beginning of the year and when changes have been made as well as posted on Duncan Christian School's website www.duncanchristianschool.ca

For up-to-date information follow Mid Island Bus on facebook for current information on busing.

MORNING RIDERS should be **at their stop at least 10 minutes ahead of the scheduled pick up time in the morning for the first 2 weeks** of school. As ridership and routes settle in then 5 minutes before your pick up time will be fine.

AFTERNOON RIDERS, parents should be at stops at least 5 minutes ahead of the bus in the afternoon if meeting their child. If you are meeting your child and are not at the stop when the bus comes, the school will be notified and your child will be returned to the school at the end of the bus run.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL in September the bus will run 1 hour and 30 minutes later in the morning to accommodate the late start for returning students. Afterschool the buses will run as per schedule.

PLC AFTERNOONS (EARLY DISMISSAL) – the bus will run 2 hours and 25 minutes early.

BUS SCHEDULE 2025-2026

| Bus Stop | Pick up Time | Drop Off Time |
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| TOWN ROUTE | | |
| Government and Cairnsmore Intersection (By the Fish Bowl) | 8:19am (South Bus) | 4:18pm (North Bus) |
| Cowichan Lake and Skinner Roads | 8:21am (South Bus) | 4:15pm (North Bus) |
| Sherman Road Roundabout(AM - after roundabout) (PM - opposite side of the Sherman Road) | 8:22am (South Bus) | 4:13pm (North Bus) |
| Truesdale and Sherman Roads | 8:23am (South Bus) | 4:12pm (North Bus) |

| Bus Stop | Pick up Time | Drop Off Time |
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| NORTH ROUTE | | |
| Duncan Christian School – North Bus | Arrives at DCS 8:24am & 9:19am | Leaves DCS at 3:00pm |
| South Davis U-turn, Ladysmith | 7:21am | 3:56pm |
| River Road (at Calvary Baptist Church Parking lot) | | 3:48pm |
| Chemainus and Crozier Roads | | 3:35pm |
| Crofton and Chemainus Corner | 7:36am | 3:33pm |
| Crofton Rd and Cecil St at Public Transit stop | 7:41am | 3:29pm |
| SSI Ferry (Boardwalk parking lot) | | |
| Escarpment and Osborne Bay Roads | 7:49am | 3:20pm |
| Thetis Ferry, Chemainus | 8:45am | 3:40pm |
| Victoria and Chemainus Roundabout at Croft Roads – PM only | | 3:43pm |
| TZOUHALEM ROUTE | | |
| Kingsview Roundabout Bus Stop | | |
| Alternate Stop – New Life Church Parking Lot <small>This is not a regular stop and used only in snow/ice/flooding conditions (Inclement Weather)</small> | 8:00am (North Bus) | 3:15pm (South Bus) |
| Tzouhalem and U'Stunis Roads (just past Donnay Drive) <small>(This stop has an alternate stop for snow/ice/flooding road conditions)</small> | 8:03am (North Bus) | 3:16pm (South Bus) |
| 1688 Tzouhalem Road <small>(This stop has an alternate stop for snow/ice/flooding road conditions)</small> | 8:04am (North Bus) | 3:18pm (South Bus) |
| Tzouhalem and Khenipsen Rd <small>(This stop has an alternate stop for snow/ice/flooding road conditions)</small> | 8:07am (North Bus) | 3:19pm (South Bus) |
| Tzouhalem and Joe Rd <small>(This stop has an alternate stop for snow/ice/flooding road conditions)</small> | 8:08am (North Bus) | 3:21pm (South Bus) |
| Jimmy Road - Keyhole Turnaround <small>(This stop has an alternate stop for snow/ice/flooding road conditions)</small> | 8:12am (North Bus) | 3:25pm (South Bus) |
| Tzouhalem and Quamichan | 8:20am (North Bus) | 3:05pm (South Bus) |
| SOUTH ROUTE | | |
| Duncan Christian School – South Bus | Arrives at DCS 8:32am | Leaves DCS at 3:00pm |
| Cobble Hill Road by coffee Shop at bus shelter for AM Cobble Hill Road by the Park for PM | | |
| Hutchinson Road and Sitka at the Park and Ride | | |
| Hutchinson and Chapman | 7:39am | 4:10pm |
| Valleyview Park and Ride | | |
| Alternate Stop – Behind the Old Farm Market This is not a regular stop and used only in snow/ice/flooding conditions (Inclement Weather) | 7:55am | 3:30pm |
| Mission and Stahilton Road | 7:55am | 3:31pm |
| Modeste and MaryRose Lane | 7:57am | 3:32pm |
| Mission and Boys (at stop sign) | 7:58am | 3:33pm |
| Boys and Stotlou (at mailboxes) | 8:02am | 3:34pm |
| Theik and Mulawq | 8:04am | 3:36pm |
| Trestle Road and Miller Road <small>(This stop has an alternate stop for snow/ice/flooding road conditions)</small> | 8:09am | 3:55pm |
| Philips and Koksilah <small>(This stop has an alternate stop for snow/ice/flooding road conditions)</small> | 8:12am | 3:53pm |
| Allenby Road and Throne Road - AM at Crosswalk - PM at Pull off spot before Bridge | 8:15am | 3:50pm |
| <p>Please Note: Inclement Weather (Snow, Ice, or Flooding Conditions) In the schedule above, if your stop has an alternate stop listed, this is where the bus will pick up or drop off your child(ren) should snow, ice, or flooding conditions make your usual stop inaccessible by the bus. Parents will need to meet their child(ren) at alternate stops. Alternate Stops for inclement weather are: New Life Church Parking Lot Behind Old Farm Market</p> | | |

MID ISLAND BUSING INFORMATION FOR DUNCAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL RIDERS

Please go over the following safety guidelines with your riders:

GETTING ON & OFF THE BUS:

- Be at the bus stop five minutes early.
- Stand clear of the bus until it comes to a complete stop.
- Stay off the road, and wait for the bus to stop **BEFORE** you WALK to it.
- If you drop something under or near the bus, **DON'T** pick it up until you tell the bus driver.

BUS CONDUCT:

- The driver is in charge at all times.
- Be kind to others and respect property.
- Take a seat right away and stay in your seats facing forward.
- Students must not put their arms or heads out the windows.
- Help keep the bus neat and clean.

The bus stop listed on a student registration form is the stop the rider is to get off at, if there is a change to this stop, a parent/guardian needs to contact the school with the change and the school will notify the driver.

If your child is bringing home a friend for a play date, please contact the school so the school can notify the driver of the extra rider.

The office may not be able to accommodate calls made just before dismissal, please call early.

CARGO ON BUSES

In accordance with MVA Regulations, School Bus Drivers **CANNOT** transport items other than a regular backpack which can fit comfortably on the student's lap without extending into another student's space (or into the aisle, or in front of the student).

The following items **CANNOT** be safely transported on a school bus:

- Guitars and Trombones
- Tenor and Bari Saxophones
- Ice Hockey Sticks
- Lacrosse Sticks
- Baseball Bats
- Drums, Cellos and other large instruments
- Large school projects that will not fit on the student's lap

Items which **CAN** be transported:

- A regular size back pack that sits comfortably on the student's lap
- Small band instruments such as flutes, trumpets- anything up to the size of (and including) an alto saxophone
- Balls contained within the student's backpack
- Skateboards completely enclosed in a zippered bag (no longboards)
- Grass/Field Hockey sticks completely enclosed

BUS CANCELLATIONS

The most likely reason for cancellation of bus service will be for severe winter weather conditions (Inclement Weather). This is done following consultation between Mid Island Bus, transportation staff and the school who carefully assess local road conditions after severe weather warnings or events. This will be determine as early as possible and posted by 6:30 a.m to the local radio station and the school and bus media sites listed below.

WINTER WEATHER OR UNSAFE ROAD CONDITIONS:

There may be times when our bus routes may not be able to operate as usual, or when the school has closed.

In the event that Mid Island Bus or the driver is uncertain about road or weather conditions we will be in close contact with the school and once a decision has been reached, parents will be informed by:

- **following the Mid Island Bus and school's social media site on facebook**
- **the local radio station: 89.7 JUICE FM.**
- the school websites www.duncanchristianschool.ca
- The School/Mid Island Bus will do their best to notify parents of younger children who are met at the bus stop. Students not met will be returned to the school for parent pick up. Older students will be asked to notify parents of their early arrival by their personal cellphone.

ALTERNATE STOPS are listed on the bus schedule for some of the less maintained and more challenging roads (i.e., winding, steep, or are known to flood), for when road conditions are poor and may be determined unsafe to drive.

For students to be dropped off at these stops, we ask that parents are there to meet them. Older students who are not prepared for inclement weather with warm clothing and footwear and have no one to meet them will be asked to stay on the bus and returned to the school for parent pick up.

Also winter road conditions may delay the bus route, please allow for extra time for the bus to reach your stop.

WHERE TO FIND BUS ROUTE AND SCHOOL CANCELLATION NOTIFICATIONS

Any notice of official school closings due to weather will be posted to Duncan Christian School and Mid Island Bus facebook sites as well as the schools website www.duncanchristianschool.ca. We will notify the local radio station 89.7 Juice FM.

In all cases, the safety of students will be the priority. Every effort will be made to see that the transportation we provide is safe, comfortable and pleasant. Have a safe year riding the bus! If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office or email us at: midislandbus@gmail.com

Mid Island Bus

Mid Island/DCS Transportation Registration Form 2025-2026

The following information is needed to assist us in assigning your child to a school bus route. The transportation routing office will assign students to the closest available stop upon receipt of this form. If you have any questions please contact Mid Island Bus at 250-715-8124 or Duncan Christian School office.

- Ridership:** Full-time Rider
 Part-time Rider (Morning only) Part-time Rider (Afternoons only)

One way riders receive a 40% discount for all routes.

- Voucher rider Voucher passes will be available for purchase through the school offices.
\$6.00 per student per direction

Transportation Fees: Transportation fees are found on the Tuition Agreement Form.

List Student Riders:

| Student Name | Grade for the 2025-26 school year | Student Name | Grade for the 2025-26 school year |
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Please note any health or safety concerns the driver should be aware of:

| Student Name | Concern |
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Student Address Information:

Student Address: _____ City: _____

Student's Bus Stop as per attached bus schedule: _____

School bus stops will be assigned based on the address you have provided above. If pick up or drop off is needed at a another care provider please provide detailed information: _____

Please check one:

- My child(ren) can walk home from bus stop
 My child(ren) will be met at the bus stop by: _____

If you have chosen this option, please be at the bus stop 5 minutes prior to the bus arrival time.

Inclement Weather and Poor Road Conditions.

A few stops along our bus route during inclement weather or flooding conditions have a alternate stop listed. Should unsafe road conditions be a problem and the bus cannot travel your road, what would you like to do:

- Use the alternate stop listed in the bus schedule
 Transport your child to and/or from school

In the event of a school closure during the day due to road conditions, time is limited to get every one home safely before conditions worsen:

- Does your child carry a cell phone and is able to contact you to let you know of their early arrival home
 Do you need the school to contact you to met the bus at your stop or alternate stop?

Parent/Guardian Contacts

| Contact Names | Cell Numbers | Email address for bus correspondence |
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Information, such as; contact information, medical, legal and safety alerts, adverse interactions and unsafe behavior regarding your child's ridership may be shared between Duncan Christian School and Mid Island Bus.

Please read carefully the Mid Island Bus Information for Duncan Christian School Riders. Your signature below indicates that you and your child(ren) are aware of and will abide by the rules for riding the bus. Failure to comply with these rules may result in the loss of riding privileges on the school bus.

 PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

 DATE