



ATTENTION PARENTS OF 2011-12 SEAS STUDENTS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - SEAS Shuttle

As many of you are aware, TCAPS has to make drastic cuts to its budget for the 2011-12 school year. Unfortunately, one of these cuts is the free service St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Middle School (SEAS) students currently receive in the SEAS Shuttles that travel between Immaculate Conception Elementary and St. Francis High School. Please be aware, TCAPS is not eliminating these shuttles. However, they now need to charge for the service these shuttles provide to cover their expenses.

The question that often arises is, "But doesn't my tax money pay for this service?" Your tax dollars provide your children with bussing to and from your neighborhood stop if you live in the Traverse City School District. Please know this change is out of our hands. The school district is only required to transport resident pupils from the public school within the area to the nonpublic school the pupil attends.

TCAPS has put some alternative options in place. They are offering the SEAS Shuttles at a cost of \$250 per student, per year as long as we have 160 riders signed up for the shuttles. Please read the following Shuttle options carefully and make your selection on the attached form. Please note there are no discounts for only riding the SEAS Shuttle one way and there are no refunds if you change your mind after the shuttle has been scheduled and your student has been guaranteed a seat. If you have already registered for the 2011-2012 school year, you MUST submit the Shuttle Selection Sheet to Cindy Weber, Director of Admissions, at 123 E. 11th Street, Traverse City, MI 49684, or email at cweber@gtacs.org or fax to: (231) 946-1878. If you have not registered yet for the 2011-2012 school year and you still need to sign up your child for some form of bussing, please be sure to fill out the TCAPS Transportation Enrollment Form in your registration packet or you can find one on our website at www.gtacs.org. Transportation forms are only accepted with a completed registration packet.

IF you are choosing to have your child ride the SEAS Shuttle, your payment is due on or before Friday, July 15th in order to hold his/her seat. If no payment is received by this date, your child's name will be removed from the list until payment is received. Checks should be made payable to TCAPS, but submitted to the attention of Cindy Weber, Director of Admissions at GTACS at 123 E. 11th Street, Traverse City, MI 49684.

SEAS SHUTTLE SELECTION OPTIONS – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Options:

1. Your child may ride the SEAS Shuttle for a fee of \$250 per year/per child. (This breaks down to a little over \$1 a day.) Checks payable to TCAPS.
2. You may choose a combination of SEAS Shuttle and neighborhood bussing. (Cost is \$250 per year/per child.) Checks payable to TCAPS.
3. You may choose neighborhood bussing in the morning, afternoon, or both. (No cost)

4. If you live on the West side, you may drop your child off at West Middle School by 7:25 in the morning and catch the scheduled shuttle to SEAS; in the afternoon, your child could take the neighborhood bus from SEAS and you may pick them up at West Sr. High School or they can be bussed directly to a stop near your home. (This option is free and you may sign up by making this selection on the TCAPS Transportation Enrollment Form.)
5. If you live on the East side, you may drop your child off at SEAS in the morning; In the afternoon, your child could take the neighborhood bus from SEAS and you may pick them up at Central High School or they can be bussed directly to a stop near your home. (This option is free and you may sign up by making this selection on the TCAPS Transportation Enrollment Form.)
6. You may choose to drive your child to and from school or carpool with other families.

ONE DAY ONLY PASSES: If your child needs a one day pass to ride the SEAS Shuttle, the cost will be \$5.00 per day. Please see the SEAS Secretary for a special pass on an as needed basis.

If you have already turned in your TCAPS Transportation Form, then we only need the selection information on the next page turned in to Cindy Weber, Director of Admissions, at 123 E. 11th Street, Traverse City, MI 49684 or email to cweber@gtacs.org or fax to (231) 946-1878.

Questions on the Shuttle sign up process? Call Cindy Weber at 995-8425.

Questions on Shuttle/Bus Route Numbers, bus stops, pick up and drop off times, call TCAPS Transportation at 933-1933.

Please remember that GTACS is required to have at least 160 riders registered and paid in order for TCAPS to provide this service. TCAPS will determine if enough students have registered by Friday, July 22nd and monies collected will be returned if the minimum number of students has not been achieved.

SEAS Shuttle Selection Sheet can be found on the next page.

SEAS Student Transportation Selection Form

If you have already registered for the 2011-2012 school year and have submitted your TCAPS Transportation Enrollment Form, simply confirm your intentions below. If you have NOT YET submitted your paperwork for registration, including your transportation form, then simply attach the TCAPS Transportation Enrollment Form to your completed registration paperwork. Please attach a \$250 check per child for using the SEAS Shuttles that travel between Immaculate Conception or St. Francis. The bussing schedule will follow the TCAPS bussing schedule as noted on the school calendar.

Parent's Name: _____

Child/ren : _____

Contact phone number(s): _____

Please select ONE of the following:

OPTION 1 (SEAS Shuttle ONLY)

____ My child(ren) is/are already signed up for one of the SEAS Shuttles. Please hold my child(ren)'s seat. I have attached a check for \$250 per child riding the SEAS shuttle. (Payment due on or before July 15 payable to TCAPS, submitted to GTACS.)

OPTION 2 (COMBO plan – SEAS Shuttle & Neighborhood bussing)

____ I am choosing to have my child(ren) use a combination of the SEAS Shuttle and neighborhood bussing or alternative transportation. I understand there is no discount for riding the SEAS Shuttle one way. I have attached a check for \$250 per child riding the SEAS Shuttle. (Payment due on or before July 15 payable to TCAPS, submitted to GTACS.)

OPTION 3 (Neighborhood bussing ONLY)

____ I have already signed up or still plan to sign up for the neighborhood bussing for my child. (This includes West and Central connections.) No charge for this option.

OPTION 4 (I've changed my mind)

____ Please remove my child's name from the SEAS Shuttle list. I will make other arrangements.

URGENT!

It is imperative that you submit your intentions and payment well before the deadline of July 15th as shuttle availability is strictly based on registration of these shuttles. As always, please understand we cannot take verbal commitments to hold your spot.