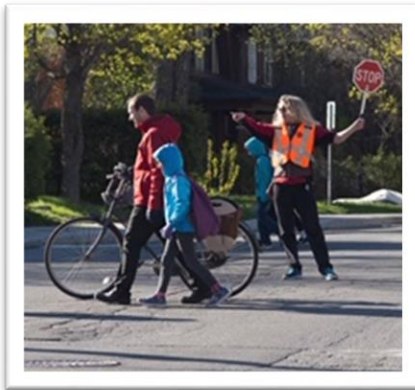


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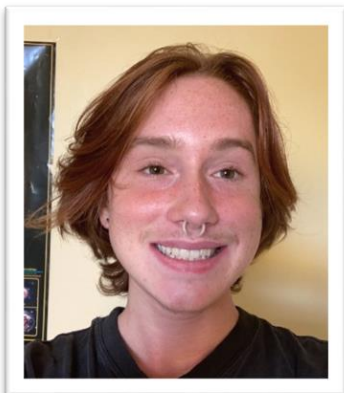
We are very excited to have your child walking on the bus this year! The Walking School Bus (WSB) Program is funded by the Ottawa Student Transportation Authority (OSTA) and administered by the Ottawa Safety Council (OSC).

Please find attached your WSB route and stop times. It is important that your child meet the WSB Leader at the designated stops and times. As well – please review the attached “Rules of the Bus” with your child prior to the start of the school year.

Your WSB Leaders are **Michelle McCabe and Michael McMahon**. They will be calling you prior to the start of school to personally introduce themselves. Here is what they have to say about the Walking School Bus Program:



Michelle



Michael

I started working for OSC as a ACG around 10 yrs ago. I had just started my own dog walking business and liked the hours OSC offered. I was offered and accepted a permanent intersection at Clarendon/Byron for Elmdale. I worked there for about 5yrs and I LOVED it!!! Later an opportunity to work just two blocks from my front door at Devonshire and the intersection of Bayswater/Laurel cam available. To this day I still see some of the children/parents I used to cross, now in high school etc. I'm ALWAYS delighted that they still remember me, as I remember them too and to see them grown up and to hear what they've been up to and hear of their plans. business was still growing and an opportunity to become a WSB Leader at Devonshire came available and fit with my busy schedule. Some days I need to wake up real EARLY to walk my own dog and clients dogs before starting my morning shift at Devonshire! I also fill in at my old intersection at Bayswater/Laurel a Guard time to time.

Michelle McCabe
(613) 408-7039

I graduated from Algonquin College's Community and Justice Services in April, and I've been a crossing guard since January. I'm currently a relief crossing guard because I'm beginning the walking school bus job. Building my experience working with youth is what I'm achieving by being a school community member kids, parents, and teachers can depend on. Friendly interaction with the kids is what I'm excited about the most. Every day will be a new day getting to talk and learn about what goes on in their lives. I value healthy social connections in a child's development. I like to draw, write fiction, read fiction, play video games, and exercise. Looking forward to a wonderful school year!

Michael McMahon
(613) 325-1584

Important! If your child is ill or won't be walking with the bus – please contact your WSB Leader ASAP to let them know!

Should you have any questions or concerns – please feel free to call the Program Manager at the Ottawa Safety Council at 613-238-1513, ext. 230. Happy Walking!