

Ride the Bus!

Assumption Catholic School Bus Will Be Free to New Riders:

Mon, Feb 11 through Thurs, Feb 14

If your child hasn't ridden the Assumption Catholic School (ACS) bus, new this year, now is your child's chance. **For families who have never ridden the bus, you're invited to try it out for free during the week of Monday, February 11 through Thursday, February 14 (no school on Friday), during "Ride the Bus!" promotion week.**

ACS started running the bus this year, to help increase enrollment throughout Whatcom County. Every day, the bus shuttles students up and down the Interstate-5 corridor.

We would like to increase bus ridership, to help cover the cost of the bus and provide greater accessibility for more families. **So, if your child would like to try the bus, during promotion week, and can be at one of these pick-up and drop-off spots listed below, please e-mail theoffice@school.assumption.org.**

Ferndale: Main Street exit

Ferndale: Slater Road exit

Blaine: Birch Bay Square

Lynden: downtown (mornings only)

Everson: (mornings only)

Your Child's Safety

The number one priority at ACS—and the bus being an extension of the school—is to keep your child safe. So, if your child will be trying out the bus, you will be directly contacted by the school. We will personally confirm with you days riding, exact locations for pick-up and drop-off (for instance, where at Birch Bay Square), primary family contact, and any of your concerns.

Your Cost Benefit

Morning bus driver Jeff Segel did a helpful cost analysis, to understand the benefits of the bus. When you factor in gas and maintenance, it is currently twice as expensive to drive your own child to school than it is for your child to ride the ACS bus.

Low Cost for Families

In this launch year, we wanted to make the bus affordable and accessible to families who live in the county. This year, the cost is \$250 per child to ride for the school year. (But the actual cost of bus rider-ship for each student is \$750—with costs factored in such as paying drivers, purchasing gas, and doing maintenance.) If your child tries the bus and likes it, your cost for the remaining school year will be pro-rated.

Student Review

One parent reports his child greatly prefers daily bus rides over parent driver! This student says she enjoys the trip to school with her friends, the kindness and care of the drivers, and even the warmth and rumble of the bus ride.

All Invited to Ride the Bus for Free, from Lynden to ACS Open House:

Sun, Feb 10

Also, if you're a prospective family or current family near Lynden, you can try the bus for free on the day of the ACS Open House. The ACS bus will be at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Sunday, February 10. Load onto the bus by 1:30 p.m., and ride into Bellingham to attend the school's annual Open House (along with our Multicultural and History Fair). Tour our school, see the vitality of students, and meet extraordinary teachers. When the Open House concludes, load onto the bus at 4

p.m., and enjoy a nice return trip, from Bellingham back to St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lynden.

Ride the bus, with all of us!

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