

TRAVEL GUIDELINES

As you are making travel plans for your students, please keep in mind the following:

- Parents/guardians are responsible for making reservations and paying for all student travel, including rides to and from the airport/train station. Please see note below*
- Students' travel arrangements will be tracked by Chiara via Google forms she will send ahead of each arrival/departure/school break. **Questions? Phone: 413-458-3919; email: chiara.carrino@buxtonschool.org**

Students may be dropped off and picked up, or they may travel by bus, train, airplane or private driver. Below are some details for each method of transit.

Pick up: Just let us know who will be picking up your student via Chiara's travel form. If your student will be picked up by another parent, we require permission from both students' parents/guardians.

Bus: Peter Pan bus lines has a station at the former Williams Inn. This is within walking distance from campus, but we'll provide rides either way if needed, and always after dark. At present, the bus to/from Port Authority is only running Friday-Sunday, and to Boston Friday-Sunday as well (no return trips). If an appropriate Peter Pan route isn't available, another option is the Greyhound bus line into Pittsfield, MA, which has buses traveling to/from both NYC and Boston daily.

Train: Albany, NY and Pittsfield, MA both have Amtrak stations with daily trains to/from NYC and Boston.

Airplane: If your student will be traveling via airplane, the most convenient airport is Albany International Airport in Albany, NY.

Visit a Friend: Buxton will NOT be open during the Thanksgiving, Winter, Spring, or Summer vacations. If your student is unable to return home, we encourage them to visit the home of another student. Permission from both students' parents/guardians is required.

New this year **Booking transportation to and from the airport/train/bus station is the responsibility of parents/guardians.** Chiara will provide instructions for booking a ride, along with a list of drivers that includes faculty/staff members, private drivers we've worked with for years, and taxi services we've used in a pinch. She will also advise on possible carpools if/when the timing lines up, based on Google form submissions. Outside drivers and taxi companies set their own rates; you can expect a ride to/from Albany to cost \$100-\$150, but if a carpool is available, the cost will be split. Payment must be made directly at/before the time of service, please reach out to Chiara ahead of time if this will be an issue.

Travel Dates for the 2023-2024 School Year

Arrival: Wed September 6th (seniors), Thurs September 7th (returning sophomores and juniors),
Saturday September 9th (all new students!)

Fall Home Weekend: Thurs October 19th, 8am – Sun October 22nd, by 10pm

Thanksgiving Vacation: Sun November 19th, 2pm (AFTER Fall Arts) – Sun November 26th, by 10pm

Winter Vacation: Sat December 16th, 8am – Sun January 7th, by 10pm

Winter Home Weekend: Wed February 14th, 4pm – Sun February 18th, by 10pm

Spring Vacation: Sat March 9th, 8am – Sun April 1st, by 10pm

Summer Vacation: begins Sat June 8th, 2pm (AFTER Graduation)