

Back to School Safety: Know the Rules of the Road

As students and teachers head back to class, Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey, who also serves as Chair of Safe Kids N.C., is reminding everyone to keep safety in mind when walking, driving, or riding the bus to school.

"We all have an important role to play in keeping our children safe," said Commissioner Causey. "Drivers need to be on the lookout for crowded crosswalks and school buses on the road and parents need to talk to their children about the importance of traveling to school safely. It only takes one mistake to cause a tragic injury or death to a child."

While students on traditional calendars will go back to school on Aug. 29, students at year-round schools and some charter schools have already started boarding buses and have headed back to class.

On a typical day, more than 14,000 school buses carrying nearly 800,000 students operate on North Carolina roads.

When driving, if you see a school bus with lights flashing, slow down and prepare to stop.

- Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children.
- Red flashing lights and extended stop arms indicate the bus has stopped and children are getting on or off the bus.
- Passing a stopped school bus can result in the motorist adding four insurance points to their policy and potentially doubling their auto insurance premiums.

A Back-to-School Safety video is available at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=yY0aymQWXGI.

Safety tips as students and teachers head back to school:

For pedestrians:

- Walk on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk and you must walk in the street or road, walk facing traffic.
- Before crossing the street, stop and look left, right and left again to see if cars are coming. Never dart out in front of a parked car.
- Parents: Practice walking to school with your child, crossing streets or crosswalks when available.
- Never walk while texting or talking on the phone.
- Do not walk while using headphones.

For bike riders:

- Always wear a helmet that is fitted and secured properly.
- Children need to know the rules of the road: Ride single file on the right side of the road, come to a complete stop before crossing the street and walk the bike across.
- Watch for opening car doors and other hazards.
- Use hand signals when turning.
- Wear bright-colored clothing.

For bus riders:

- Teach children the proper way to get on and off the bus.
- Line up six feet away from the curb as the bus approaches.
- If seat belts are available, buckle up.
- Wait for the bus to stop completely before standing.
- If you must cross the road, walk at least 10 feet in front of the bus.

For motorists, in addition to obeying the stopped school bus law:

- Don't block crosswalks.
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and take extra precaution in school zones.
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians.
- Stop far enough back from a school bus to allow children room to safely enter and exit the bus. The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children.

For more information on how to keep children safe during Back-to-School Safety Month or throughout the year, visit the Safe Kids NC website, www.ncsafekids.org.

Anson County Schools Fall Athletic Stats

Anson High School Volleyball

- Monday, August 29 versus Chesterfield. Anson won 3-0. (25-14, 25-21, 25-22) No stats
- Wednesday, August 31 versus Albemarle. Anson won 3-0. (25-9, 25-12, 25-9) Individual stats: Camryn Martin 4 aces, 7 kills, 3 blocks, 1 assist, 2 digs; Leah McLaurin 5 aces, 3 kills, 1 block, 6 assists, 5 digs; Blair Threadgill 4 aces, 1 block, 18 assists, 3 digs; Lauren Dutton 1 ace, 8 kills, 2 digs; Morgan Burr 5 kills, 3 digs; Cierra Lear-2 aces, 5 digs; Malayasia Gabriel-1 kill, 1 block; Jada Harrington-1 ace, 1 dig; Caroline Austin 1 kill, 1 dig; Laney Hill 1 kill; Brooklyn Lear 1 assist.

Anson High School Varsity Football

- Friday, September 2 versus Piedmont. Anson won 26-6. **Rushing:** Tony Gainey 17 carries, 101 yards; Jakyri Hixson 10 carries, 79 yards, 2 TD. **Passing:** Luke Hyatt 12-17, 180 yards, 1 TD; Jakyri Hixson 1-1, 25 yards. **Receiving:** Courtney Sturdivant 6 Catches, 78 yards; Jayden Little 3 catches, 72 yards; Jakyri Hixson 3 catches, 48 yards, 1 TD. **Defensive Stats:** Zack Griffin 8 tackles; L.J. Merritt 8 tackles, 4 TFL; Contavious Little 7 tackles; Jeremiah Griffin, Kole Dutton, T'Landis Carr - 1 sack each; Jayden Little 1 interception; Daquan McKeever 1 interception.

Anson High School Junior Varsity Football

- Thursday, September 1 versus Piedmont. Anson lost 47-6. Noah Horne 4 tackles; T.J. Colson 6 tackles; Jase Martin 6 tackles; Dock Hyatt 1 rushing TD.

September Information

September's name comes from the Latin word septem, meaning "seven." This month had originally been the seventh month of the early Roman calendar.

- September 5 - the first Monday in September - is Labor Day
- September's full moon, the Harvest Moon, reaches peak illumination on Saturday, September 10, at 5:58 a.m. EDT
- September 11 is Patriot Day, held in honor and remembrance of those who died in the September 11 attacks of 2001.
- September 11 is also Grandparents Day this year. Honor your grandparents today - and every day!
- September 17 is Constitution Day. This day celebrates the adoption of the U.S. Constitution, which occurred on September 17, 1787.
- September 21 is recognized as the annual International Day of Peace. Observances range from a moment of silence at noon to events such as peace walks, concerts, and volunteering in the community.
- September 22 marks the start of fall! This year's Autumnal Equinox occurs at 9:04 p.m. EDT on Thursday, September 22. On this date, there are approximately equal hours of daylight and darkness.

September's birth flowers are the aster and the morning glory. The aster signifies powerful love, and the China aster expresses variety or afterthought in the language of flowers. The morning glory symbolizes affection. It can also mean coquetry, affection, or bonds in the language of flowers

September birthstone is the sapphire, which was once thought to guard against evil and poisoning.

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The Anson County School District is proud and honored to recognize our military and first responders during the Friday, September 9 Varsity Football Game! FREE Admission into the game for all military service members, veterans and first responders with ID. Please enter at the handicap accessible gate located directly behind the baseball center field. Individual recognition will be given during the game.

Anson Bearcats VS Albemarle Bulldogs

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2022, 7:00 P.M.
Anson High School Stadium