



Sacred Heart School

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Dear Sacred Heart School Families,

As winter weather begins to approach, I thought that it would be a good time to send home some more detailed information about our weather closings and delays. Sacred Heart School makes the decision to close or have a delayed start independently and we do not necessarily follow Greater Clark County Schools or Providence High School. There are several reasons for this, including: we are not as geographically spread out as GCCS schools, we do not operate buses or have students standing out at bus stops on cold and dark mornings, and we do not have teenage drivers (like PHS). The decision to close or delay is not made lightly and we are always trying to keep the best interest of the kids in mind when making our decision. We try to base the decision on actual conditions, instead of just weather predictions, but we know that the decision needs to be made in a timely manner to give families and teachers time to make alternate arrangements.

We are no longer using the communications program we used in the past that allowed us to send out a voice-mail or text message to cell numbers. We will post the information on our school **Facebook** page, as well as on **Wave 3** and **WDRB** Snow Fox. Families can go online with either of these news sources and sign up with them to receive text alerts that will be sent automatically to parents' cell phones once I post a school closing or delay. If you do not see our school's closing information posted on WAVE3, WDRB, or our FB page, then school is in session and operating on a normal schedule. We try to make the decision to close or delay as soon as possible or by 6 AM at the latest. Here are some reminders about how the schedule is affected when we have a closing or delay:

Closed: If the conditions are bad enough for school to be closed, the preschool and daycare will also closed. We will make up the missed day on the next "make-up" date on the school calendar (Nov. 25, Feb. 15, April 4 – 8, May 6).

1 Hour Delay: If conditions are still questionable at 6 AM, but the forecast calls for quick improvement, we will have a one hour delay. Morning preschool classes **will** meet and the daycare will open at 7 AM. Students may arrive at 8:15 AM for classes to start at 8:45 AM.

2 Hour Delay: If conditions are questionable early but the forecast calls for improvement, we will have a two hour delay. Morning preschool classes **will not** meet and the daycare will open at 7 AM. There will be a charge for this service if you choose to bring your student early on delayed days. Students may arrive at 9:15 AM and classes will start at 9:45 AM. If conditions get worse or do not improve as forecasted, we may decide to change this delay to a school closing. If that happens, another message will be sent out.

Please contact the school office if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Ms. Spitznagel