

Weather Related School Closing Procedures

As an educational institution, Newman Catholic Schools, by default, opens for classes when they are scheduled. However, on rare occasions, NCS may close, close early, or delay opening because weather conditions make travel to or from school dangerous. In the instance of inclement weather, the following tools will be the standard of communication used to announce schedule changes:

- **Constant Contact:** will be sent to the parents directly affected by the schedule changes.
- **NCS website** (banner scrolling at top of homepage) and Facebook
- **TV Stations:** Channel 9 (www.waow.com) and Channel 7 (www.wsaw.com)
Midwest Communications Radio: www.wdez.com, www.wifc.com, www.wsau.com, www.rock947.com, www.foxsportsausau.com
- **Skylert Messaging:** the digital messaging system allows for updates to be received via email, phone, and text. Signing up for Skylert Messaging can be achieved through Skyward Family Access. It is imperative that families take the time to double check accurate contact information is entered. ***When dealing with last minute changes, Skylert may not be the most expedient tool. Please refer to the communication tools above first.

When considering schedule changes due to weather conditions, NCS continues to take its lead from the Wausau and D.C. Everest School Districts. Each district varies in its standards and definitions of closure. These differences can cause confusion as NCS crosses both districts. To assist in alleviating confusion, a school-by-school breakdown of procedures is laid out below. Any changes to these procedures will be communicated.

Delays: the definition of delay varies by district

- **Wausau School District – Bus Delays** – this only affects students who are picked up by First Student. Students bused by First Student will be picked up based on the delayed time. Classes at St. Anne and Newman Catholic Middle/High School will continue to run on normal schedule. Students that are dropped off, walk or ride the city bus are expected to be at school at the regularly scheduled time. 4K AM/PM programs in the WSD area will be cancelled when busing is delayed.
- **D.C. Everest School District – School Delays** – delays in DCE affect the actual school day for St. Mark and St. Therese. The start of day at St. Mark will be delayed by two hours, following the DCE district. 4K AM/PM classes will be cancelled at both St. Mark and St. Therese. Unless specified differently, childcare programs at both schools will run as regularly scheduled.

School-by-School Procedures:

NCMS/HS -

- **Delayed Starts** – delays only affect students riding a yellow school bus. Classes will start as previously scheduled for everyone else. Please note: delayed busing is considered an excused absence. Parents can choose to drop their students off to avoid delays.
- **Early Release** – when closing early, NC MS/HS follows Wausau School District's lead. When WSD calls for 1:00pm early release then NC MS/HS will as well. This means that all students must be picked up at that time. At times, the two public school districts do not align in their decisions to close early or at the same time; for example:
 - DCE closes early but WSD does not, this will affect DCE bused students only. In this case, parents of DCE bused students will be contacted letting them know when busses will arrive for pickup. If parents wish for students to remain the entire day they would then need to arrange their child's transportation home at the end of the day and notify the school.
 - Wausau closes early but DCE does not, students should be picked up. If a student who is bused from DCE does not have alternative transportation, other than the bus home, parents should contact the office to discuss arrangements.
- **Closing** - follows the Wausau School District "Public and Private" closing announcements.

NCES: St. Anne -

Follows Wausau School District closing announcements and early release times. Bus delays will affect those students riding a yellow school bus through First Student only. Classes will begin as regularly scheduled.

NCES: St. Mark -

Follows DCE School District closing announcements and early release times. Bus/School delays will affect the start of the students' school day.

NCECC: St. Therese - 4K closings follow DC Everest District closing announcements. Closure for child care will be determined by the site director, who will then notify parents directly.

NCECC: St. Michael -

3 year old preschool and 4K closings follow Wausau School District closing announcements. Closure for child care will be determined by the site director, who will then notify parents directly.