

# Winter Weather Alert

## GENERAL GUIDELINES

If the Johnston Public Schools have a delayed opening or cancel school, St. Rocco School will have the same delay or be closed. Even if you do not hear “St. Rocco School,” or if Johnston is delayed or closed, we follow Johnston Public Schools.

Additionally, depending on the situation on our property, we may choose to delay or close school on our own. In that case, there will always be a specific announcement regarding St. Rocco School.

### WHAT TIME DO WE COME ON DAYS WHEN SCHOOL IS DELAYED? WHAT ABOUT THE MORNING EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM?

There will be **NO MORNING EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM** when there is a school delay.

### DO NOT SEND IN YOUR CHILD UNTIL THE TIMES LISTED BELOW!

If school is on a **one hour delay**, students may be dropped off beginning at 9:05 AM and should be in homeroom by **9:25 AM**.

If school is on a **two hour delay**, students may be dripped off beginning at 10:05 AM and should be in homeroom by **10:25 AM**.

### WHAT ABOUT LUNCH?

Our food service has assured us that they will still provide lunch, even if we have a delayed opening!

### HOW DO WE FIND OUT ABOUT THE STATUS OF SCHOOL?

School Delays/Closings will be announced on News Channel 6, Channel 10, Channel 12, Fox 64, 630 AM, 92 FM, Lite Rock 105 FM.



## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN SNOW, ICE OR SERIOUS WEATHER CONDITIONS DEVELOP DURING THE SCHOOL DAY?

In the event of snow or severe conditions developing during the school day, we will follow the decision of the public schools of the Town of Johnston. If the public schools choose to close early and send the buses, the early dismissal will be announced in a manner similar to a morning announcement. It will also be televised on the same television stations listed previously. Parents always have the option to retrieve their children early (we understand that some families live in areas where weather conditions may complicate their commute). If you are choosing to have your child dismissed early, please do so **before 2:00 PM**. If you come after 2:00 PM you will need to wait until regular dismissal time. We are sure you can understand how complicated it is to dismiss a large student body. We need to have some procedures in place to do so safely and efficiently.

## HOW DOES SEVERE WEATHER IMPACT THE AFTERNOON EXTENDED PROGRAM?

If school dismisses early because of weather, there will be **NO AFTERNOON EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM**. If the weather conditions are severe enough for early dismissal, it is important for students, faculty and staff to travel home and get off the roads. For this reason, parents of students enrolled in the extended day program should have a back-up emergency plan- especially if they work a distance from the school.

If school is in session for the full day, extended day will continue as usual. We will contact parents individually if the status of extended day changes. We assure you that there will always be someone here to supervise your child.

## KEEP YOUR CONTACT NUMBERS UP-TO-DATE!

Please make sure that we have CURRENT phone numbers for parents or guardians, emergency contacts, etc. We cannot release students to other relatives or other school parents unless they are on the "pick-up" list. Please make sure there is always someone who can pick up your child in case of emergency. Please be aware that we may ask that person for his or her identification. (i.e. drivers license)

## LISTEN OR WATCH FOR WEATHER INFORMATION

Since our students come from many different communities, we strongly recommend that you listen to the radio or watch television each morning from Thanksgiving to Easter in case there is a weather issue that will impact our school. At times it may "look" fine outside your home, but there could be ice conditions which will delay the start of school. Thank you for being extra vigilant in this regard. We don't want any family to have to arrive at school and then have to return home because school was delayed or closed.

