



January 15th, 2021

Dear Zion families,

As we are entering into the winter months, we want to take this time to remind you about the ways we notify our families about school and activity cancellations and late starts (found on page 20 in our Student and Parent Handbook on our website).

### **Closing of School**

When it is necessary to cancel school because of inclement weather it will be announced on (KSDK) Channel 5, (KMOV) Channel 4, and (KTVI) Channel 2 or their respective websites. In most cases, this information will not be broadcast before 6:00 a.m. Additional messages will be sent out as an alert through the Educate information system and on our school Facebook page.

Please also take this time (if you have not recently done so) to login to Blackbaud, find your name in the top right corner of the page, in your account settings under notifications you will need to determine by which methods you prefer to be notified.

### **Late Start Schedule**

Occasionally, snow days can be averted by beginning the school day later in the morning. Zion has a "Late Start Schedule" to start the school day later, to accommodate road crews clearing the roads. The school day will begin at 9:00 and conclude at the regular 3:05 dismissal time.

If inclement weather occurs during the day, school will not release early as policy states. In these circumstances, if you desire, you are permitted to sign out your child prior to the 3:05 dismissal by reporting to the office and signing your student out.

In most cases, Zion Lutheran School will follow Belleville School Districts 118 and 201 as we have neighboring schools in those districts. The exception would be when those schools cancel to prevent students from waiting at bus stops in dangerously low temperatures. Our students regularly remain indoors or we limit outside time if the "real feel" temperature is below 18 degrees fahrenheit.

In addition, please consider that our students come from a number of different school districts making it difficult for us to accommodate each and every family appropriately. In the event that our school day is not cancelled, we encourage you to follow your instincts if you feel road conditions near you are not safe for driving.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call our school office.

