



January 15th, 2021

Dear Zion families,

As we get further 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).

Weather-Related School Closure

When it is necessary to cancel school because of inclement weather, we will use our school's alert system to notify you of any school closures. If you recall, we performed a test using this system during the month of November and prompted you to update your preferred methods of contact (text, phone call, and/or email).

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.

In the event you are not notified directly, you can find our school's status on our Facebook page or tune in to the school closure announcements provided by our local television network channels, (KSDK) Channel 5, (KMOV) Channel 4, and (KTVI) Channel 2 and their respective websites.

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 20 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. Students have remote learning options available to them in those cases.

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

