

Inclement Weather Policy (TWO PAGE Document)

St. John's Parish Day School will determine weather-related delays and cancellations **independent** of the Howard County Public School System's decisions. If we encounter inclement weather, we will determine the course of action for St. John's, and will utilize our regular notification networks to inform our families of any changes to our school schedule. Every *attempt* will be made to make notifications of closures or delays by 6:00 AM. ***While we will use Howard County Public Schools in an advisory capacity, please do not assume that we will follow their decisions regarding inclement weather related delays, closings, or early dismissals.***

Information about School Delays/Closures/Early Dismissals will be provided via the following sources updated in this order:

1. **A text** sent out via **Remind** to families **enrolled in our texting system**. St. John's cannot sign anyone up for Remind, it must be done by the individual. This is true for unsubscribing. This is a free service.
2. **Our website:** www.stjohnspds.org. If you have not dismissed it, a **pop-up** will also appear when you load the homepage that will have the status of the school, *and* it will be listed under the "**Latest News**" found towards the middle of the homepage. ***Please note:*** There is now also a **Delay/Closings** tab of the website. Please click on these words and then you will see the most current status of the school.
3. **WBAL 1090AM** radio
4. **Social Media Outlets:** Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram
5. **The school's answering machine.** Messages may be obtained by calling 410-465-7644.
6. **Email notification** will be sent to families, via Constant Contact, the same email service as The Spirit, the St. John's Weekly Newsletter.

Here's how to sign up for REMIND:

To receive messages via text, text **@sjpdparent** to **81010**. You can opt-out of messages at anytime by replying, 'unsubscribe @sjpdparent'.

Trouble using 81010? Try texting **@sjpdparent** to **(410) 774-1733** instead.



*Standard text message rates apply.

Or to receive messages via email, send an email to **sjdpdparent@mail.remind.com**. To unsubscribe, reply with 'unsubscribe' in the subject line.

New message	
Recipients	sjdpdparent@mail.remind.com
Subject	(You can leave the subject blank)

In the case of a **CLOSURE**, no school or school-related activities, functions, enrichment classes, Extended Day Programs, or After Care will be held during the day or evening of the day of the closure, nor will the school or administrative offices be open.

In the case of a **DELAYED OPENING**:

- **Lower School** will begin at 10:00 AM.
- **Student drop-off** 1 will be from 9:45 to 10:00 AM.

- **Early Childhood** classes will begin at 10:15 AM
- **Student drop-off** will be from 10:00 to 10:15 AM.

Please note:

No Before School Care will be available; however, complimentary Before Care will be provided to Early Childhood siblings of Lower School students from 9:45 – 10:15 AM.

In the case of **EARLY DISMISSAL**:

Due to snow, inclement weather, or other irregular situations (including, but not limited to, electrical disruption, heating/air-conditioning problems, plumbing issues, etc. that may affect the safety or usefulness of the school environment), we will make the decision to close the school on a case-by-case basis and will contact parents by all the methods listed below. No school or school-related activities, functions, enrichment classes, Extended Day Programs, or After Care will be held during the day or evening of the day of the early dismissal, nor will the school or administrative offices be open.