

Inclement Weather Policy

SJPDS 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 SJPDS 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 HCPSS IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY FOR OUR DECISIONS, DO NOT ASSUME THAT SJPDS WILL FOLLOW HCPSS DECISIONS REGARDING INCLEMENT WEATHER RELATED DELAYS, CLOSINGS, OR EARLY DISMISSALS.

In the case of a closure, no school or school-related activities or functions will be held during the day or evening of the day of the closure, nor will the school offices be open.

In the case of a delayed opening, the Lower School will begin at 10:00 AM; student drop-off for Lower School will be from 9:45 to 10:00 AM. Early Childhood classes will begin at 10:15 AM; student drop-off for Early Childhood 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. If school closes early, After Care will be cancelled for that day.

Information about school closures will be provided via the following media sources:

- WBAL 1090AM radio
- Our website, www.stjohnspds.org
- www.schoolsout.com, our FaceBook page
- Information will also be placed on the school's answering machine. Messages may be obtained by calling 410-465-7644
- Email notification will be sent to families
- Text will be sent out to families enrolled in our texting system.