



ST. PETER TRI-PARISH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

In light of the impending storm, we remind you of our policy for school cancellation, storm cancellation, delayed opening and early dismissal:

We follow the closing, delayed opening and early dismissal schedule as announced by the Warwick School Department. This means if you see/hear Warwick School Department no school/delayed opening/early closing the same applies to St. Peter School.

In the event that St. Peter School had to cancel school, delay opening or have an early dismissal solely affecting our school due to unforeseen circumstances...i.e. no heat, plumbing issues, power issues, etc., you would be notified by the same media broadcast outlets or messages to your telephone or e-mail . The announcement would indicate St. Peter School singularly was issuing the closing/delay/early dismissal and not as a part of the Warwick School Department.

2. School cancellation announcements are made on local TV and radio—Channels 6, 10, 12, WHJJ 920 AM, WPRO 630 AM and LITE 105 FM.

YOU CAN REGISTER WITH CHANNEL 10—“Turn To Ten” to be notified by e-mail to your home, business or cell phone of any school closings or early dismissal due to weather or other situations.

3. If we have a delayed opening, i.e. one-hour delay, EXTENDED DAY will begin one-hour later than the normal starting time of 7:30 AM. The program will begin at 8:30 AM
4. If Warwick cancels AM Kindergarten, this does not apply to us as we have a full day program.
5. If your child is in the half day Preschool program and we have a delayed start to the day, the option to bring him/her in late is yours.

If we have an early dismissal time, our EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM WILL CLOSE AT THE TIME OF EARLY DISMISSAL . If you are delayed for a very short time, we will not

leave a child alone in the building or outside of the school but it is IMPERATIVE THAT YOU MAKE ALTERNATE PICK UP PLANS if you are not immediately available.

If afterschool activities are canceled in Warwick, our Extended Day Program will remain open until 4:30 PM. If we see that this plan does not work out because parents or the person designated to pick up are not coming by 4:30 PM, we will then consider canceling our Extended Day afternoon program when Warwick Schools cancel all afternoon classes or activities.

7. It is very important that you listen to the television or radio on stormy days to keep informed of the opening, early dismissal and closing times. Our telephone line is very, very busy on stormy days and you may not be able to reach the office. If you get through on the line and reach our voice mail system, you may press #6 after the initial telephone greeting to hear the message regarding opening, early dismissal or closing. We try to get the message on the system as soon as possible but are delayed many times due to the volume of incoming calls.

Please bear in mind that the Warwick School Department does provide transportation for those who normally take the bus home. However, someone must meet the bus or be at home when the children arrive, especially in the case of younger children. Older children should have access to the home. If you are unable to leave your job to pick up your child/children at the designated time or work a great distance away, please make arrangements with a family member or friend to come to school for dismissal.

We do not make individual calls to parents regarding closings, delayed openings or early dismissals. We have only one school phone line. Perhaps you can arrange to have a relative or friend call you when they hear/see the media announcement.

The health and safety of the children is always our primary concern. As stated above, if you are delayed for a short period of time we will never leave a child unattended in the building or outside of the building. We ask your cooperation so that our faculty and staff can leave in a timely manner to get home safely to their families.

PLEASE RETAIN THIS LETTER TO REFER TO DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR!

Sincerely,

**Joan Sickinger
Principal
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