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Dear St. Anthony Families,

This year, our administrative team decided we would follow Marian High School's decision for closings and delays. Because both Marian and St. Joseph High School have student drivers and this weighs into their decision to close or delay, we have decided to revisit this decision. We also do not automatically follow the public schools as they have bussing considerations.

We will no longer be automatically following Marian's lead for closing and delays. While we trust and respect the decision that is best for their high school students, we also recognize our students are being transported by adult drivers with more experience in less than optimal weather conditions.

Please note that if Marian closes and we remain open, we will not have hot lunch. Students will need to bring a lunch from home. In the event of a delay, we will still have lunch service from Marian.

As you have probably heard the temperatures and wind chills are predicted to be low into next week. When severe weather conditions occur, the safety and well-being of our students and staff are our highest priority. Decisions on school cancellations, late starts, and early dismissals are always given careful consideration.

If St. Joseph County calls a warning that tells everyone to stay off the road, school will then be closed. If they merely call a weather advisory, it is very likely that we will be open. (According to the State of Indiana a wind chill advisory is -15 F to -29 F).

If it is necessary to cancel school or have a late start, the decision is usually made by 6:15 am. We realize that late starts, early dismissals, and cancellations create issues for many of our families, so we try to avoid them if at all possible. We are committed to keeping families informed of school closings through a variety of communication channels. Information about school closings will be communicated through School Messenger, our official Facebook page, and posted on WSBT Channel 22, WNDU Channel 16 and ABC Channel 57.

If school is open but you feel that it is unsafe to bring your child to school, please let us know via our online attendance reporting form at <https://school.stasb.org/attendance>.

**Two Hour Delay:** A delay may be called if weather/travel conditions are predicted to improve within the first two hours of our regular start time.

**Snow day:** A snow day is a closing due to heavy snow, ice, or dangerous road conditions.

- On a snow day, typically all school-sponsored activities during the day and evening will also be canceled.



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- If school is in session and snow is expected to worsen and make driving dangerous during the day, and early dismissal may be warranted.

Cold day: A cold day is a closing due to extreme cold temperatures or dangerously low wind chill and/or wind speed.

- On a cold day, typically most school - sponsored activities during the day and evening will also be canceled.
- The forecast will be closely monitored the day before a potential cold day.
- Families will be notified as soon as possible through various channels listed above.

Remember, frostbite can occur on exposed skin in a relatively short time for children out in extreme temperatures. Parents are encouraged to ensure that students are appropriately dressed for these conditions. We do not go outside for recess if the windchill is below 18 F.

We have used the two snow days built into our school calendar. Should we need to close again, we will have school on Presidents Day (February 18th) and possibly our Post-Winter Break Day (March 15), as these are our built-in snow make-up days.

God bless everyone at St. Anthony and be safe,

Karen Bogol