



ARCHANGEL GABRIEL
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Dear AGS Families,

The AGS leadership team (comprised of co-principals Mrs. Militzer and Dr. Assetta and South Regional Catholic Elementary Schools (SRCES) Administrator Mrs. Loughran Brown) appreciates the snow day instruction feedback shared by our families. By sharing your perspectives, it helps us to reflect on how best to promote rigorous instruction when we experience inclement weather. Shared responses ranged from praise for snow packets to requests for utilizing full day virtual instruction. Individuals advocating for snow day packets expressed that it is difficult for students to sit in front of a computer all day as well as the lack of devices in the home. Families requesting full day virtual instruction explained that two hours of face to face instruction is not enough teacher interaction with the students since they need more direct support when engaging in assignments.

Upon a thorough review of how to proceed and after this week's virtual meeting with the South Regional Catholic Elementary Schools (SRCES) principals and Regional Director Mrs. Loughran Brown, plans were finalized as to how to move forward with future inclement weather days. For all future inclement weather days, AGS students will participate in virtual learning which will begin at 8:30 am and end at 2:30 pm. Teachers will incorporate breaks and independent work time throughout that time span and will communicate specific details as to how the day is structured and how to access necessary resources. Specials will be provided at the usual scheduled time on these days. Families in need of devices should communicate requests to the school and work with the individual teachers to make adaptations as necessary. The virtual instruction day decision is based on the premise that it is imperative that academic rigor be addressed regardless of in school or remote delivery of instruction.

We would like to share an additional reminder that school now dismisses at our regular time of 2:40 pm. To help with traffic flow for car riders, last names ending in A through H will dismiss at 2:40 pm, I through P- 2:45 pm, and Q through Z- 2:50 pm.

We appreciate your patience as we examined this issue. Educational planning in the time of COVID 19 has required us all to be flexible and willing to adapt as needed to ensure that students continue to receive quality instruction. Thank you for your feedback and support.

Blessings,

Mrs. Cathy Militzer, AGS Co-Principal

Dr. Christine Assetta, AGS Co-Principal

Mrs. Sharon Loughran Brown, SCRES Regional Administrator