



## Procedures For Closing Schools Due To Inclement Weather

### WHO IS WATCHING THE WEATHER?

St. John XXIII Catholic School, Port Washington/Saukville School District and Johnson Bus Company work together to determine inclement weather.

### WHAT FACTORS ARE CONSIDERED WHEN MAKING THE DECISION TO CLOSE SCHOOL?

The safety of all St. John XXIII Catholic school students is our primary concern in making a decision to close schools. In deciding whether children will be safe, we look at the following factors:

#### Information on road conditions:

- Potential safety of bus company starting & completing routes
- The onset, rate, and accumulation of ice and/or snowfall
- Building conditions (e.g. whether schools have power and heat)
- Parking lot conditions
- Temperature and wind-chill: The guideline used for considering closure due to temperature is minus 25 degrees (-25°). The guideline used for considering closure due to wind chill is a sustained wind chill of minus 40 degrees (-40°).

### WHO DECIDES TO CLOSE SCHOOLS?

After gathering information from all of the sources and factors in regards to weather conditions, the principal recommends to close schools. After this decision is confirmed with PWSSD, The principal and administrative assistants follow a prescribed calling procedure to inform area news media.

### WHEN IS THE DECISION MADE?

Generally, school closing announcements are made on the morning of the day of closing between 5:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. However, parents are to use their own discretion in determining whether or not to send their children to school during inclement weather when schools are open.

### HOW IS THE PUBLIC NOTIFIED?

In addition to the SchoolSpeak email from the school, all school closings or other emergencies will be broadcast by the following stations:

#### TELEVISION STATIONS: TV Channel 4

Although we have our own listing on the above site please note the following if you see or hear a different listing: If PWSSD is closed- We will be closed; If PWSSD has a late start- We will have a late start; If PWSSD is open, we are probably open as well, but it is best to check the appropriate listing to be sure.

Parents and students are responsible for knowing about emergency closings and delays. Please make sure that your home contact information remains updated in SchoolSpeak to ensure that you receive necessary alerts.