

St. Mary Catholic School

Inclement Weather Policy 2021-2022 School Year

St. Mary Catholic School follows the Inclement Weather directives of **Washington County Public Schools**. If Washington County Public Schools (WCPS) are closed, delayed, or have an early dismissal due to inclement weather, St. Mary's will follow suit.

In addition to school delays or closings due to inclement weather, including snow, ice, flooding, or heat, the WCPS superintendent may determine the need to close schools based on other emerging situations (power outages, etc.).

St. Mary's will send a follow-up notification to families at St. Mary Catholic School after any WCPS notification through three notification methods:

1. *Parent notification (text and email) directly from St. Mary's through our Swift K12 system.*
Approximate time frame:
 - a. *By 6:00am for morning notification*
 - b. *By 10:00am for early closure notification*
 - c. *By 8:00pm for evening notification when possible for the next day*
Please note: The times may be earlier or later depending on specific weather/emergency situations.
2. *Parent notification using the WCPS mobile app which is available for free download by the public at the iTunes Store or Google Play by searching for "Washington County PS." Parents would need to allow "push notifications" for automatic alerts.*
3. *Parents can monitor WCPS notifications on their website or the notification outlets listed [HERE](#).*

Parents are encouraged to access as many of these notification methods as possible in case one or another has technical issues.

In the event of an emergency that affects only St. Mary Catholic School, parents will be notified only through the SwiftK12 system from the school.

VIRTUAL Learning: The archdiocese has included THREE inclement weather days into our calendar. Once these three days have been used, schools will pivot to VIRTUAL learning in the event that a fourth inclement days is needed.