

# INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Epiphany Catholic School will follow the decision of Culpeper County Schools to close or delay the opening of school for the first three (3) calendar days of an inclement weather event. The Principal will make the decision, if necessary, on the fourth (4th) calendar day.

- Faculty, staff, and families will be notified by phone, email, and text (if requested) through SchoolMessenger®.
- Closings will also be posted on the Epiphany website.

**We ask each family to update their notification information as necessary. Please send updates in writing to the school office whenever there is a change.**

## One Hour Delay

- Arrival will begin at 8:45 a.m.
- The school day will begin at 9:00 a.m.
- Buses will operate on a one hour delay of their normal schedule.

## Two Hour Delay

- Arrival will begin at 9:45 a.m.
- The school day will begin at 10:00 a.m.
- Preschool 3's will end, as usual, at **12:00 p.m.**
- Buses will operate on a two hour delay of their normal schedule.

**Please note: Frequently a two hour delay will be called to further assess weather conditions. Often, a subsequent decision is made to close school. Families will need to continue to monitor incoming messages, broadcasts and the Epiphany website.**

Early dismissals due to serious weather conditions pose particular challenges for our school. **Once in session, Epiphany will follow the decision of Culpeper County to close**, though we will determine our own closing time. **All students must be picked up by that stated closing time. Afternoon care, along with all activities, will be cancelled.** Families will be notified through our emergency notification system, SchoolMessenger, and information will also be posted on Facebook and the Epiphany website.

- Parents concerned about driving conditions are encouraged to pick their children up as soon as possible.
- **Parents will need to have a local contact person for emergency pick up of your children**, so that, in the event that Epiphany must close, **you may contact them** if you are not able to respond immediately and in a timely manner in these special circumstances.

Parents, on every occasion that we utilize the SchoolMessenger notification system, we have families that are unable to answer their phones. Especially in the case of inclement weather, we ask that you **check to see if you have a message, or check your texts and e-mail**, before returning a call to the school. This keeps the phone lines open for parents to call with special instructions for their child/ren, as well as freeing up space on our answering machine.