

SCLS Weather-Related/Emergency Early Dismissals, Delays, and Closings Policy

(Please keep this in a safe place so that you may refer to it, if needed.)

- Families will be contacted by Office Staff and/or via School Messenger/Rediker for delays and closings due to weather and/or emergencies. (Parents/Guardians must opt-into School Messenger ahead of time. Forms are available on our website and at the school office. Completed forms should be returned to the school office. As Principal Reagan recently announced, the plan is to transition completely to Rediker in the near future.)
- On occasions of inclement weather or any other emergency that requires a delayed opening or early closing of school, please **DO NOT call the school, parish, or convent**. By calling the school, the telephone lines are tied up. It prevents calls coming in from school districts and also prevents our office staff from getting in touch with television stations and sending out phone calls and emails.
- **We follow CENTRAL DAUPHIN SCHOOL DISTRICT for Delays and Closings.**
 - If Your Home District is Closed, but SCLS is Open: It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to transport any child from a home school district that is closed (i.e. Harrisburg, Steelton, Middletown, Susquehanna, Lower Dauphin, and Susquenita) if Central Dauphin and SCLS are delayed or are operating on a regular schedule.
 - If Start Times Differ: If our/Central Dauphin's start time is different from your home (busing) school district, your home school district buses will still pick up students, but busing will be provided on *that* school district's schedule. For example, if Harrisburg School District has a 2-hour delay, but we start on time, Harrisburg buses will arrive at the bus stop 2 hours later than normal to transport to SCLS.
 - If Your Home District is on a Regular Schedule, but SCLS has a Delay: If your home school district is operating at regular time, but Central Dauphin and SCLS are delayed, then parents/guardians will need to provide transportation to SCLS per the delayed time schedule.
- For information on closings and delays, watch local television stations or visit their websites (e.g. ABC 27, CBS-21, and WGAL News 8). Saint Catherine Labouré School will be listed separately from Central Dauphin on the emergency closing lists. However, the school must first wait for confirmation from Central Dauphin. Once confirmation is received, we will put SCLS on the various media stations, if possible.
- In the event of a one or two hour delay, there will be no ½ day PreK/Kindergarten classes. Full day PreK to 8th Grade students should arrive starting at 9:45am and report directly to their homeroom classrooms. Classes will begin at 10am. Full day PreK-8th Grade students will then dismiss at their regular times.
- **Early Dismissals:** In the event of an early dismissal, Saint Catherine's dismisses students *approximately* ½ hour after whatever closing time each public school district announces. Thus, students from different school districts may be released at different times. Busing will be provided. Car riders will be dismissed last. **If parents and guardians are not at home, it is their responsibility to make arrangements for someone to meet their child/children ½ hour after their home school district's dismissal time.**
Note: On Early Dismissal days, there will be no Aftercare nor after school activities.