



St. Catharine of Siena School
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December 15, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

In light of the impending storm and the uncertain timing of its arrival, Saint Catharine of Siena will be using a **Flexible Instruction Day Wednesday, December 16, 2020**. **All students and staff will be home Wednesday, December 16, 2020**. A decision regarding our status for Thursday, December 17, 2020 will be made as soon as we are able to.

PA Act 64 of 2019 allows for an alternative to the 180 day school day requirement when the school building is prevented from being opened for a variety of reasons. The Flexible Instructional Day (FID) Program is a tool available to be used as an alternate approach to delivering instruction if a circumstance arises when the school cannot be in session for a variety of reasons.

A Flexible Instructional Day is an option for schools only when at least one of the following occurs:

- A disease epidemic
- **A hazardous weather condition**
- A law enforcement emergency
- The inoperability of school buses or other equipment necessary to the school entity's operation
- Damage to a school building
- Another temporary circumstance rendering any portion of a school building unfit or unsafe for use.

Students in grades Kindergarten through 8 are expected to log in to Google Classrooms for the morning check-in/attendance by 8:15 and to see what their assignments will be for the day. It is in the students best interest to complete the assignments because incompleteness could affect the students grade. Students are responsible for completing the assignments prior to the due date.

Cohort 2's Polar Express Day/Dress Down Day scheduled for Wednesday, December 16, 2020 will be rescheduled for Thursday, December 17, 2020 ***if we are in the building***. If a traditional snow day is called for Thursday, December 17, 2020 then Polar Express Day/Dress Down Day for Cohort 2 will be cancelled. There will not be a make up day for this event for Cohort 2. If a traditional snow day is called for Thursday, December 17, 2020 then it will be treated as a Good Old Fashioned Pre-Covid Snow Day/Mental Health Day. ENJOY no Zooms and a day to play!

Notice will be sent via Option C, WFMZ, ABC Channel Six News, Facebook, and our Website.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at Mkraycik@scsreading.org Thank you for all you do. Saint Catharine of Siena, pray for us.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Marcella Kraycik, Principal