



DELONE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

"Be Doers of the Word"

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Sometimes it is necessary to delay the opening of school or close school for the day because of the weather. "AP Notify" will notify parents of a closing or delay via phone, text and/or e-mail as requested. Also, www.wgal.com will list the closing as will Delone Catholic's website, www.delonecatholic.org. The automated school phone system will also announce the closing or delay.

Delone Catholic High School is informed of weather closings by either the superintendent or the transportation coordinator of the local public school district. DCHS then makes the necessary announcements through the above media connections. Please note that if transportation is provided by the public school district in which you reside, then you must follow the guidelines for that district. For example, Delone Catholic High School has a one-hour delay but South Western has a two-hour delay and bus transportation is provided by South Western; those students affected must be prepared to board the bus as per a two-hour delay.

In Maryland, if Carroll County schools are closed, then Delone Catholic High School students from that area are given an excused absence if school is in session. In all weather related delays, the parent makes the final decision as to travel safety since our students come from such a wide area. The buses contracted by DCHS do not travel to Maryland if Carroll County schools are closed.

EARLY DISMISSAL

To maximize instructional time when weather dictates an early dismissal, Delone Catholic will follow this procedure. As each school district calls with the time of dismissal, an announcement will be made. All students from that school district whether they ride the bus or drive or carpool will be dismissed at that time.

Phone calls from parents will not be accepted for dismissal requests. The phone lines are needed to receive information from the school districts. We also encourage students to call parents from the office to inform them of the different drop off schedule for the bus transportation so that an adult may be available for the transport from the bus stop to home.

Please be alert to those weather forecasts for incoming snow possibilities. If you wish your student to be dismissed at a different time, you must send a note with your student for each dismissal. No emails and no phone calls will be accepted. Notes must be turned in before homeroom, on the day they are to be applied. You may not submit one note for the duration of the school year. A note must be delivered on each separate occasion.

Thank you for your cooperation.