



West Catholic High School

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Dear West Catholic families,

As winter weather continues to work its way into our area, we wanted to remind you of our policies surrounding snow days, school closings and delays.

West Catholic snow days/delays are typically called prior to 6 a.m. by Superintendent Dave Faber. News outlets are notified immediately. We encourage you to sign up for closing alerts or check your local news station for school closings. Parents, guardians and students will also receive an email and/or text from Infinite Campus when a snow day/delay is announced. West Catholic's website and social media channels will be updated accordingly.

Weather-related delay and closing information can be found on page 14 of the [student handbook](#).

Additional Reminders:

Two-Hour Delay

If a two-hour delay is announced, this means the school day starts at 10 a.m. Two-hour delay schedules can be found on page 6 in the handbook. For a two-hour delay, Catholic Secondary buses would run two hours later (if your bus typically runs through a district that is closed, please see the busing information below).

Multiple Consecutive Snow Days

If school is closed for multiple days, the first day is a snow day. Any consecutive weather-related school closure days will be online or virtual learning days. Students are responsible for checking Canvas pages for homework assignments and daily lessons.

Busing

If West Catholic is open, our buses will be running. However, Grand Rapids Catholic Secondary School buses are not allowed to run through school districts that are closed. The complete policy is stated below:

- **Public school district closes:** No Diocese of Grand Rapids transportation in the AM or PM in that district
- **Public school district has a two-hour delay & West Catholic has no delay:** No Diocesan transportation in that district in the AM only, Diocesan buses will run in the PM

We understand that while the roads may be passable in the city, that might not be the case in outlying areas. Parents may be hesitant to have their children drive to school in bad weather and *student safety is our top concern*. Please contact the main office if you have any questions.

Extracurricular Policy

In the event of a cancellation of school, any decision on whether or not to have extracurricular activities will be made at 12 p.m. or later and will be communicated through various channels. Participation in any extracurricular event, practice, rehearsal, etc. permitted during a weather-related closure is not mandatory. Parental discretion will be the deciding factor for attendance.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the main office at 616-233-5900.

Thank you,

Tony Fischer
Principal