



# WINTER



Emergency closings are an inevitable part of life in the Northeast due to inclement weather. Therefore, we need to explain our procedures.

EARLY MORNING SNOW/ICE CLOSINGS...Local transportation authorities determine when their buses can operate safely. **Therefore, when Monroe Township public schools are not open due to inclement weather, St. Mary School will also be closed.** You will receive a SchoolMessenger phone call with the information. **You may also call the school office at 856-629-6190 or check the school website at [www.smarys.org](http://www.smarys.org) to receive notification of the school closing.** Information will also be available on local television stations. Only Monroe Township Schools will be announced, St. Mary School will not be identified. **If school is cancelled due to the weather, all afterschool activities will be cancelled as well.**

**Monroe Township occasionally announces a 2-hour delay. If that is the case, supervision at St. Mary School will not be available until 10:00 a.m. School will begin at 10:15 a.m. NO BEFORE CARE WILL BE AVAILABLE**

For those outside Monroe Township, you will also need to check your school district on the TV stations. If the Monroe Township schools are open, St. Mary School will be open. However, if other township schools are closed/delayed, then it is the responsibility of parents/guardians to transport these students to St. Mary School, if the parents/guardians feel it safe to transport their children.

You may choose to keep these children home from school for that day, if transportation is a problem. These students will be marked “absent” because they are not here for the day.

**EMERGENCY CLOSINGS AFTER THE CHILDREN ARE IN SCHOOL.** If we receive word that the school districts will be sending the buses for an unscheduled early dismissal due to dangerous driving weather – we need to cooperate with their request. **In this event,** parents will receive a School Messenger phone call. In the beginning of the school year, we requested information from you regarding transportation plans in case of an emergency dismissal. These are the plans that we will direct the children to follow. **PLEASE DISCUSS THIS PLAN WITH YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN.**

**IF SCHOOL CLOSES EARLY, DUE TO WEATHER OR AN EMERGENCY, AFTER SCHOOL CARE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE.**