

St. Mary's Academy Inclement Weather Policy

St. Mary's Academy encourages parents to use their own judgment about the safety of roads on snowy days. Teachers waive late arrivals and tests on severe weather days. In the event of inclement weather, St. Mary's Academy might call a "Delayed Arrival" and delay the start of classes by one hour or more to allow for safe travel. On a Delayed Arrival day, Lower and Middle School classes will begin at 9:00 a.m. and High School classes will begin at 9:30 a.m.

School personnel will be present in the school buildings beginning one hour prior to the declared delayed start time. In the Lower School, students should go to the gym.

The decision to announce a Delayed Arrival day will be made according to the following factors:

- The quantity of snow fallen or forecasted
- The ability of students and staff to travel to school
- Ability to clear and maintain parking lots and pathways
- The ability of school function (heating, water, etc.)

As soon as the decision is made to change the schedule, we will put a message on our main phone line: 303-762-8300 and on our website: stmarys.academy. Usually, this decision is made and posted by 6:00 am. We will also notify parents via the Emergency Messaging notification system. When overnight forecasts are ominous, we will preemptively cancel before-school activities for the following morning. Participants in these activities will be notified the evening before.

Further, we will announce any school closing or schedule change due to weather or other emergencies by 6:45 am, as best we can, on television stations including KCNC (TV) Channel 4, KMGH (TV) Channel 7, and KUSA (TV) Channel 9.

When school is in session and we have inclement weather, decisions related to after-school activities/athletics will not be made until after 1:30 pm. Weather changes quickly in Colorado, and we will do our best to make decisions as efficiently as possible. If school is canceled due to weather concerns, activities and athletics will be canceled.