

St. Mary School

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A Mental Note:

St. Mary parents and guardians, safety is very important to us and is a priority. With that in mind, it sometimes becomes necessary to close or delay school. The decision to close is never an easy one because the call must be made very early in the morning and often Ohio weather changes quickly. The factors that go into the decision to close include: temperature, recent snowfall and the level of accumulation, road conditions at the time, and the forecast for the day. It must be also noted that St. Mary School will follow the decision made by the Marion City Schools.

Traditionally, when the weather conditions are poor in the morning, St. Mary School and Marion City Schools have closed for the full day. Often we see unsafe conditions in the early morning, but weather conditions improve a few hours later, which then allows for safe travel. For this reason, we may implement a two (2) hour delay when the forecast indicates the weather will improve. This provides an alternative strategy to maintaining continuity of instruction. A two (2) hour delay moves the starting time of school forward by two hours.

Two (2) Hour Delay information:

1. St. Mary School doors will open at 9:40 a.m.
2. Students are asked to be in their classes by 9:55 a.m.
3. Classes will begin at 10:05 a.m.
4. Breakfast will not be served on the two (2) hour delay schedule

The following are some items to know if St. Mary School is on a delay schedule:

1. A two (2) hour delay will be communicated in the same manner as a school closing: a one call from the school, postings on local radio outlets, TV channels 10 and 4, and social media.
2. In a two (2) hour delay, the conditions may not improve and closing will still be an option. If a decision is made to close for the day, we will follow the same procedures to notify you.
3. If we have a two (2) hour delay, dismissal time will remain at 2:15 p.m.

Thank you for understanding the importance of keeping our students safe and how difficult it is to make these decisions. We appreciate your support as we continue to deal with our "Ohio" weather conditions. Stay warm, and enjoy our upcoming winter.

God bless you,

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