



St. Mary of the Assumption School
Weekly Newsletter October 29th 2012
Special "Hurricane Sandy" Edition
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Dear Parents,

As promised, we want to reiterate the school policy for school closings due to inclement weather. Mrs. Marylou Marks has an excellent rendition posted on the school's website www.stmaryum.org. I've provided a copy below for your review.

As a matter of emphasis, and perhaps more for our new families, I would like to reiterate a point I made earlier in the SchoolReach phone alert.

It is our desire **not** to use SchoolReach to echo county announcements every time schools are closed. Catholic Schools Office policy dictates that we (Catholic schools) follow local county decisions regarding school closings.

Accordingly, families should seek school closing information from county communication venues, including television, radio and internet sites. Consequently, school families should neither expect nor wait for confirmation from us.

In regard to inclement weather and school closings, county officials decide, on their timetable. We wait, watch and listen and when decisions are made, we abide by them.

Please help us pass the word to everyone associated with St. Mary of the Assumption School.
Thanks, Steve Showalter

Mrs. Mark's web posting:

School closed Tuesday, October 30, 2012 - Parents/Teachers/Students are reminded that in the event of delays or closings due to inclement weather or other emergency situations, St. Mary of the Assumption School follows the directives of Prince George's County Public Schools. In the rare event that the Prince George's County Public Schools are already closed, the Archdiocese of Washington will make an announcement specific to our situation. Reference TV stations 4, 5, 7, and 9 or radio stations 630 AM-WMAL or 1500 AM-WTOP for announcements regarding delays or closings. Do **not** call the school or rectory.

Additional websites provided by Mrs. Campbell.

<http://www1.pgcps.org/>-Prince George County Public Schools

<https://www.schoolsout.com/>-Schools out

<http://www.wmal.com/article.asp?id=525147>- WMAL

<http://wgts.org/?s=SCHOOL+CLOSINGS>

<http://www.myfoxdc.com/search?vendor=ez&qu=SCHOOL+CLOSINGS>-Fox Five

http://www.wusa9.com/weather/severe_weather/cancellations_closings/default.aspx-cHAN

Finally, if you didn't receive today's SchoolReach voice message from me, please email Mrs. Campbell with your home, cell and/or work numbers and she will be happy to put in you the system. tcampbell@stmaryum.org