

WINTER WEATHER SCHOOL CLOSINGS AT PARIS SCHOOL

BRRR!!! THE WINTER SEASON IS UPON US. With this comes a chance for us to enjoy the season and winter sports. Unfortunately, that is not all that comes with winter. Hazardous road conditions, freezing temperatures, and snow drifts are just a few of the problems that may arise.

Because of these conditions, it may become necessary to close school. I would like to inform you of our school closing procedures so that if this situation would arise, we can relay the message to you as smoothly as possible.

If school is to be closed in the morning, a decision is usually made by 6:00 a.m. This decision is made by first having the bus company check the road conditions and weather reports. If the bus company cannot send out buses due to harsh weather and/or road conditions, they will inform me of this and school will be called. If the bus company is able to run bus routes in harsh weather, it then becomes my call as to whether we hold classes or not. In this event, I will be in close contact with the Highway Department, National Weather Service, and other school District Administrators in the area. Please understand that the safety of our children is always first and foremost on my mind in making this decision. With that, in the event school is held on a day in which you feel that it is too dangerous for your children to come to school, we absolutely respect your judgement as parents, and your child(ren) will be excused should you decide to keep them home. As always, please call school to report that your child(ren) will not be present.

The guideline for closing school because of cold weather is in the temperature range near -20 F and/or a chill factor of -35 F. The data will come from the National Weather Service.

If the decision is made to close school, you will receive an automated telephone message from me informing you that school will not be in session for the day. I will also contact the following media outlets to pass on the information so that the news may be aired. PLEASE NOTE: **Paris School is not part of the Kenosha Unified School District. Look only for a message regarding Paris Consolidated School.** Please save the websites of the television channels in your "Favorites", as they also list school closings online.

TMJ - Channel 4
WISN - Channel 12

FOX - Channel 6
CBS - Channel 58

Hopefully this information will help you better understand our procedures regarding school closing. Some days Mother Nature makes the decision an easy one, but others, just like forecasting the weather, we can only try our best to make the right call. Thanks for your understanding in this matter.

Mr. Kwiatkowski

P.S. Please be sure your children wear the appropriate clothing for those cold days when they do go out for recess. (Warm coats, snow pants, hats, mittens and boots-please label tags with student initials). Unless it is icy or the wind chill is too dangerous, we do go out to enjoy the wonderful Wisconsin winter weather !!!