



HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## **EMERGENCY PROCEDURES & INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDERS**

**Dear Holy Rosary Families,**

During this time of year, we may face severe weather conditions such as heavy snow and/or ice storms. At times, these conditions may result in bus cancellations and under exceptional circumstances school closures. These situations are rare and often local, but they create obvious concerns for home and school.

Please Read, Review and Keep on Hand the following information about inclement weather situations:

- Ensure the school has the most up-to-date student information on hand (phone numbers/emergency contacts). We rely on the accuracy of the information you have provided to us to make decisions regarding pupil safety.
- Remember that telephone systems are NOT reliable during snowstorms or emergency situations.
- Review with your child, your family emergency plan. In the event of a school closure the school will attempt to contact parents and proceed to emergency contacts until pick-up is confirmed.
- Listen to the radio and/or check our school website <https://www.ldcsb.ca/school/ros/Pages/default.aspx>
- Prepare alternate arrangements for days of poor weather or possible school closures in advance.
- If busses to our school are delayed: The school is still open, but the bus will pick up your child later than usual in the morning. Busses will bring your child home at the end of the day at the regularly scheduled time.
- If buses are cancelled, the school will remain open. However, it is important to remember that in the situation when buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not be running in the afternoon to bring students back home. Arrangements must be made to pick your child up from school by 3:30 p.m. This means that if you drop your child off at school in the morning, it is your responsibility to pick them up by 3:30 p.m.

REMEMBER - Use your best judgement. The decision to send children to school always remains with the parent.

Thank you for your cooperation regarding this matter.

The Administrative Team at Holy Rosary Catholic School

## BUS DELAYS AND CANCELLATIONS – WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

Bus delays or cancellations are posted at [www.mybigyellowbus.ca](http://www.mybigyellowbus.ca)

- Inclement weather may result in school bus delays or cancellations.
- If the buses are operating but you think the weather worse in your area than others, you are ultimately responsible for deciding if your student rides the bus that day and for their safety to and from the bus stop location.
- If buses are DELAYED, the delay lasts for 2 hours.
- After the 2 hour delay, buses either START or are CANCELLED for the day.
- If the buses are cancelled in the morning, there are NO AFTERNOON BUSES.
- The decision to delay or cancel buses rests with the local bus companies.
- The decisions are made in the early morning on the day of the inclement weather.
- Delay or cancellation information is posted in the morning between 6 and 6:30 AM.
- The policy document entitled "Inclement weather Causing School Bus Delays and or Cancellations is available on the website.



Bookmark [www.mybigyellowbus.ca](http://www.mybigyellowbus.ca) If school buses are delayed or cancelled, a special icon will appear on the homepage. Click on the icon for an alphabetized list of buses affected.

**Quick tip:** search by school name or bus run # in the Portal.  
(for example : 1635.003)

**Quick tip:** REFRESH YOUR BROWSER FREQUENTLY

There are over 1,000 routes in our system – on foggy or snowy days, the speed of the website will be impacted so please be patient!



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Parent Portal Login

Log in to the Parent Portal and sign up for email and/or txt messages.



Many routes, especially for programs like French Immersion or specialty high school programs, are very long and travel through areas where the weather conditions may be different.

If any part of the route travels through an area that is delayed or cancelled, the whole route will be affected.



Be prepared. Login to the Parent Portal and sign up for email or text messages to know if **YOUR STUDENT's** bus is affected.