

October, 2011

Dear Parents:

In preparation for the possibility of school closings, delays, and early dismissals due to poor weather conditions, the procedures we will follow are outlined below. Every effort will be made to air all announcements by 6:15 a.m., but it is not always possible due to late-changing weather conditions. Students, parents, and staff are urged to watch local television stations or log on to [www.northmontschools.com](http://www.northmontschools.com) for the most-timely information. You will also receive a phone call through our parent notification phone system. **Please note that allowing students to drive to school is a parental decision. Parents and student drivers are reminded of the option of riding the school bus on bad weather days, even if they do not ride on a regular basis.**

### **TWO-HOUR DELAYS**

When conditions are such that a delayed start is judged to be the most appropriate, a **TWO-HOUR DELAY** will be announced. On the occasion of a two-hour delay, AM kindergarten **WILL** be held two-hours late, and PM kindergarten will be held at the regular time. Latchkey will open at the regular time when there is a two-hour delay. If school is then cancelled for the remainder of the day, latchkey will close. Parents will need to pick up their children from latchkey. Delayed starting times are:

Senior High:	9:50 am	Middle School:	9:45 am
Elementary:	11:10 am	Englewood Elem:	11:20 am

All bus riders, including **PRIVATE/PAROCHIAL SCHOOL STUDENTS**, will be picked up and taken to school **EXACTLY TWO HOURS LATER** than usual. Dismissal schedules will remain unchanged.

### **EARLY DISMISSALS**

Unpredictable weather situations may occur at anytime. Decisions are most complicated when school is already in session. When students are already in school, it is often best to conduct classes before dismissal to allow time for the local road crews to do their jobs and clear the roadways. In case of an early dismissal, there **WILL BE PM KINDERGARTEN**. Childcare will remain open until the normal time. We realize that in homes where both parents work, an early dismissal can cause inconvenience. **Therefore, we urge all parents to be certain that children know where to go if school is dismissed early and the child finds no one at home.** The following time schedule will be followed during an early dismissal:

#### **NORTHMONT SCHOOLS**

AM Kindergarten	12 noon
Senior High	1:00 p.m.
Middle School	1:00 p.m.
Elementary	1:45 p.m.
Miami Valley CTC	12:45 p.m.

#### **PRIVATE/PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS**

Mother Brunner Catholic School	1:30 p.m.
Salem Christian Academy	1:30 p.m.
St. Christopher	1:15 p.m.
Troy Christian	1:30 p.m.

*(approx. transfer times will be Happy Corner, 1:45)*

### **SCHOOL CLOSINGS**

When school closings are broadcast for Northmont, it will include **ALL NORTHMONT SCHOOLS AND BUSES**. Transportation **WILL NOT** BE PROVIDED TO AND FROM PRIVATE/PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS ON DAYS THAT NORTHMONT ANNOUNCES A SCHOOL CLOSING. Weather conditions will be re-evaluated by 1 p.m. for afternoon and evening activities, and changes will be announced. Childcare will **NOT** be available in any Northmont building.

Sincerely,

Sarah C. Zatik, Ed.D., Superintendent