



School Closings, Late Starts, and Early Dismissals

We need to be prepared for “School Closings”, “Late Starts”, “Early Dismissals” or any other emergency situations. Please be aware that all campuses will be listed as “Bethlehem Christian School” If severe weather or winter storms are predicted; please go to one of the following storm centers for school closing information:

- BCS Website – www.bethlehemchristianschool.org
 - WFMZ – TV 69
 - Internet – www.wfmz.com If you log onto the WFMZ Channel 69 weather channel webpage, you can register to have an email sent directly to you or a text message sent to your web-enabled phone.
- ❁ If your home school district announces they are closed but Bethlehem Christian School is in session, your district **will not** provide bus transportation. You may choose to either drive your children to and from BCS for the day or keep them at home. If they do not come to school, it will be counted as an excused absence.
 - ❁ If BCS has a “late start”, you need to follow **Bethlehem Christian School’s** schedule. There will **not** be any staff members at the school to care for your child before our delayed start time.
 - ❁ On a late start, Extended Care will be open at 9:00 a.m. for those children who are currently enrolled in the Extended Care Program.
 - ❁ **PRESCHOOL:** If there is a 2-hour delay, the Preschool will open at 10:00am. AM class will run from 10:00am – 12:00pm. PM classes have a regular schedule (12:30pm – 3:15pm). The BCS website, TV, and Internet sites will say, “**Preschool/AM Kindergarten Modified Schedule.**”
 - ❁ **HALF-DAY KINDERGARTEN:** If there is a 2-hour delay, **Half-Day Kindergarten is not required.** However, if you would like to bring your child you are welcome to do so. Parents **MUST** provide transportation home at 12:00pm. Bus transportation is **NOT** provided for our half day Kindergarteners on late start days. The BCS website, TV, and Internet sites will say, “**Preschool/AM Kindergarten Modified Schedule.**” If you choose to keep your child home because of the lack of busing, it will be counted as an excused absence.
 - ❁ If there is a 2-hour delay, there **WILL BE Full-Day Kindergarten.** Busing is provided at 2:50 pm.
 - ❁ In the case of an early dismissal, bus students will be put on their buses. If you have given the BCS office a current email address, we will send you an email alert. If your child is a pick-up or has a pick up note for that day you will need to be at school at, or before, the early dismissal time. **Please have an “early dismissal plan” in place so your children know what to do when they arrive home on an early dismissal day and no one is at home. If this includes your child having a key, please be sure they have the key with them at all times.**

We ask that you please utilize the above stations, internet and email for information regarding your local school district and Bethlehem Christian School. If at all possible, **please refrain from calling the school office directly.** This request is due to the large volume of phone calls that we receive from the transporting school districts. We need to keep phone lines open for the rapidly changing information. Please be sure to check your email frequently to ensure you know the latest information regarding early dismissals.

Thank you for your cooperation.

