



# EXTREME WEATHER & SNOW WEATHER PROCEDURES!!!

**\*\*Updated version 2020\*\***

In the event of severe snowfall, the school may be closed. Parents will be notified by the **school website** ([www.ourladyofsorrows.ca](http://www.ourladyofsorrows.ca)) and **emails**. We will try to do all prior to 7:15 am.

Check any of these methods:

- 1. Check your emails**, as school email blasts will also be used as a way to contact parents on short notice. Please make sure you have the most updated information at the school office.
- 2. The school website or school phone message** prior to leaving home or dropping off your children!
- 3.** School closures may also be announced on **Global B.C. TV** and CKNW 980 radio.

If there is no announcement on the website or answering machine, then school will be open. Please ensure the school is not dark and there are staff at school. In case of power outages communication may be affected.

**Only call the school phone #604-253-2434 before 8:00 a.m. to check if the phone message has been updated. Please avoid calling the school after 8:00 a.m., as it is difficult for the school to handle so many calls in the morning. The office will be trying to take calls for absences only.**

As conditions are local, it is difficult to gauge closures by the surrounding schools. It is also possible that the school may be closed due to power outages, or local hazards (water, fire, flooding, icy road conditions or other safety issues) which may happen at any time. If it is a normal school day, when we close, we will keep the students safe as long as necessary to allow parents to pick them up. It is very important that the office has up-to-date emergency contact information, parent work numbers and emails. Please inform the office of any changes in personal information as soon as necessary. Also, parents are asked to ensure the school is open before dropping off their children.

Parents must make individual decisions as to the safety, and feasibility of sending your child to school. Parents are always encouraged to do what is in the best interest of their child and family in these types of conditions, as well as in health issues. We just ask that a note come in as soon as possible to explain the absence (safety or illness). Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Let us continue to pray for safety on the roads and for our students.

**Please note!** If your child is going to be away, please notify the school by 8:30 a.m. each day that they will be absent from school by either phone or by email. All absentee notes (with reason absent) must be sent to the school A.S.A.P. Absentee notes may also be sent to the school's email address [office@myollosschool.com](mailto:office@myollosschool.com).

Sincerely yours,

P. Balletta  
Principal

