



# EXTREME WEATHER & SNOW WEATHER PROCEDURES!!!

**\*\*Updated version 2022\*\***

In the event of severe snowfall or extreme weather, the school may be closed. Parents will be notified by the **school website** ([www.ourladyofsorrows.ca](http://www.ourladyofsorrows.ca)) and by **email**. We will try to have notifications posted and emailed prior to 7:15 am.

Check any of these methods:

- 1. The school website or school voicemail** prior to leaving home or dropping off your child(ren)!
- 2. Check your emails**, as the office will send out an email with the most updated information. This is the most effective way to contact parents on short notice. If your contact information has changed, please make sure you notify the office.
- 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 voicemail, then school will be open. Before you drop off your child(ren), please ensure the school is not dark and there are staff present, as in the event of a power outage 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 the office will be busy taking 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 in the middle of 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 contact numbers and emails). Please inform the office of any changes in personal information as soon as necessary.

Parents must make individual decisions as to the safety, and feasibility of sending your child(ren) to school. Parents are always encouraged to do what is in the best interest of their child(ren) and family in these types of conditions, as well as in health issues. 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(ren) is going to be away for any reason, please notify the school by 8:30 a.m. each day that they will be absent from school by the online absentee form. 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@myolosschool.com](mailto:office@myolosschool.com)).

Sincerely yours,

P. Balletta  
Principal

