

WINTER SURVIVAL GUIDE

FOR ST. CHARLES SCHOOL



This winter survival guide for St. Charles School will help answer many questions about how things work during the cold weather season. If you have further questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. (612-781-2643 or stchbschool@gmail.com)

Emergency Weather Closing Reminder



St. Charles School closes due to weather when the St. Anthony-New Brighton School District (#282) closes because we share buses. All closings will be announced on WCCO (website, radio, and television) and via Cornerstone/Educate alerts. **You are in control of which options Cornerstone/Educate uses to alert you. Be sure to check your selected/default preferences on your Cornerstone/Educate account so you can receive the alert options most helpful for you (text, email, or phone call to the numbers and emails addresses you select)!**



Classrooms

Please send your student(s) with a uniform sweatshirt or sweater because classroom temperatures vary. Even if a student's main classroom is always warm, they may need a sweatshirt when attending specialists.



Label everything

Label Clothing & Winter Gear


PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE label all clothing and winter gear items with your child's or family's name--everything! There have been many instances of students grabbing the wrong uniform or winter gear, that all look very similar, and heading home with it. Without a label, it may not be discovered until much later, if at all!



Students Outside During Winter Weather

- * Remember to send your students with warm gear everyday (jackets, snowpants, hats, mittens, scarves, boots, sweatshirts/sweaters). On days when the temperature is above zero, the students head outside for fresh air and sometimes for classroom activities.
- * A note from your physician's office is needed in order for a child to stay in at recess.

ZERO OR BELOW TEMPERATURE IS DETERMINED BY THE AIR TEMPERATURE AND WIND-CHILL AS REPORTED ON WCCO FOR ST. ANTHONY VILLAGE AREA.



Look for the
green sign in the
faculty lounge and
room 106
windows

ZERO OR BELOW TEMPERATURES ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL SAFETY

Patrols

Patrols are not required to be at the corners when the temperature is zero or below.

Student Arrival

7:20 AM or Arrival of First Bus

After 7:20 AM or the arrival of the first bus (whichever is earlier) students should come directly inside on zero or below temperature days or when the playground is deemed unsafe. (THE GREEN SIGN WILL BE IN THE WINDOWS).

On these days elementary students go to the cafeteria and middle school students go to the gym.



Dismissal

- Dismissal for students in the **car pick up line** on zero or below temperatures days is indoors. All students wait in room 106 until called by the staff for their ride. Bus, walkers, and after school care dismissal remains the same.
- Sometimes the St. Anthony-New Brighton School District calls for **early bus dismissal** for weather reasons. This is so students from St. Anthony and St. Charles can be delivered to their stops and the buses can return for Wilshire Park students. On these days the buses are usually loaded 10 - 15 minutes early at St. Anthony and then head to St. Charles. The students taking the buses are dismissed as the buses arrive. While some students may arrive early to their stops, most students arrive close to their allotted time or later because of the road conditions. Walkers, car pick-up, and after school care dismissal remains the same on these days.

MORNING SUPERVISION AVAILABLE AFTER 7:20 AM

Supervision is available on the playground starting at 7:20 AM before school. On days when the green sign is in the windows of the faculty lounge and room 106 due to inclement weather, the doors will be open at 7:20 AM for supervision inside. For the safety of the children, please know that the doors are not open and THERE IS NO SUPERVISION AVAILABLE INSIDE OR OUTSIDE BEFORE 7:20.