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Providence Heights Alpha School's Snow Delays/Closures Information

As winter draws closer, just a reminder that Alpha School will follow the direction of North Allegheny School District when it comes to school delays and closures (*unless NA is not in school, then Alpha School will make an independent decision*). If Alpha School needs to delay or close school we will use the Option C system (and post on the television news stations of KDKA, WPXI, and WTAE) to communicate with our families. In addition, please note that there is **NO Morning Care** on days in which school is delayed.

ASYNCHRONOUS SNOW DAY/CLOSURE:

All students in **Grades 3-8** should log in to their Google Classroom at **9:30am**, check into all of their core subject classrooms - *Math, LA, Science, Social Studies, and Religion* - and complete all posted assignments. Students in grades 6-8 should also log into their Spanish classroom.

NOTE: Students should only log into Religion or Spanish (grades 6-8) if they have Religion and/or Spanish on that particular day. Unsure whether they have Religion or Spanish on a particular day? Go to our [Snow Day Closure/Delay Information Page](#) and click on your child's schedule.

To receive credit for the day, students must complete all core assignments as well as complete the online attendance form that will be sent to all parents/guardians via Option C that morning.

A few more notes:

- Virtual meets will **NOT** occur.
- All scheduled tests/quizzes will be postponed and taken upon return to school.
- Specials will not take place on asynchronous snow days.
- All teachers will be available to communicate with students either via the classroom or email from 9am to 3pm.
- *Students should do the majority of their communication with teachers - asking questions, seeking help, etc. - through the Google Classroom, limiting the need for emails as much as possible.*

Students in **Grades PreK-2** should work on the list of educational websites provided by each teacher on their portal page, engage in free play, leisure reading, and other healthy activities. No formal lessons will be provided.



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SYNCHRONOUS SNOW DAY/CLOSURE:

All students in Grades PreK-8 will participate in Remote Learning for the day and follow the guidelines below.

Remote Learning Information for Grades 1-8:

Schedule:

Students will follow their Snow Day Remote Learning schedules for the day. Schedules will be posted on our [Snow Day Closure/Delay Information Page](#).

Online Platform:

Students in grades 1-8 will be using Google Classroom and Google Meet as their main remote learning platforms. Students should do the majority of their communication with teachers - asking questions, seeking help, etc. - through the Google Meet or Google Classroom, limiting the need for emails as much as possible.

NOTE: Students in grades 6-8 have email accounts associated with their classrooms, while those in grades 1-5 do not.

Forget your Google Login or Password?

All students should know their google login and password. However, if they are unsure or need a reminder, please email Mr. Dugan at cdugan@alphaschool.org or Mrs. Parker at hparker@alphaschool.org for assistance.

Attendance/Logging In/Absence Information:

All students in grades 1-8 should login to Google Classroom **by 9:30am** and follow the **Snow Day Remote Learning** schedule found on the [Snow Day Closure/Delay Information Page](#) for the day. (*Note: the Snow Day schedules are just their normal schedule for the day on an adjusted time table.*) Students will only meet virtually with and have assignments for their core subjects - *Math, LA, Science, Social Studies, and Religion*. Students in grades 6-8 will also meet with their Spanish teacher. During those periods where they have a special (Computers, Music, Art, Library, and PE, as well as Spanish for grades 1-5), students should take a break from the screen, get some exercise, and enjoy the snow.

*** Note that students will only meet with/have assignments for Religion (grades 1-8) or Spanish (grades 6-8) if they have Religion and/or Spanish on that particular day.*

To receive credit for the day, students must participate in all Virtual Meets (teachers will be taking attendance).

If a student will be absent, a parent/guardian should mark the student absent in the Parent Portal by 8:30am. If you have any trouble or need to mark a student absent after 8:30am, please email Mrs. Beck at lbeck@alphaschool.org.

Remote Learning Information for Grades K-PreK:

Online Platform:



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Students in Grades PK-K will be using the Google Meet and the School Portal and will receive emails from the classroom teachers with instructions for the day by **9:00am**.

Virtual Meets:

Students in Grades PK-K will have 2 live meets during the day, a morning session from 9:30-10:00am and an afternoon session from 1:00-1:30pm.

Attendance/Logging In:

If a student will not be able to participate virtually, a parent/guardian should mark the student absent in the Parent Portal by 8:30am. If you have any trouble or need to mark a student absent after 8:30am, please email Mrs. Beck at lbeck@alphaschool.org.

General Information:

Online Classroom Rules/Expectations:

Students are expected to **adhere to the same rules** in the remote learning environment as they would if they were in a physical classroom, upholding the values and integrity of the school, the Acceptable Use Policy, and the Student Handbook. This includes, but is not limited to, preparing for classes, attending and engaging in virtual meets, acting in a respectful manner, wearing their uniform and completing assignments on time. Students will also complete their own work and will not consult with others or outside resources unless permitted to do so by their teachers.

Communication with Teachers/Staff:

Remote learning and communication will take place each school day for all students in Grades 1-8 from **9:00am to 3:00pm**. Teachers will respond as quickly as possible, but please understand that they may be conducting virtual meets or may be working with other students at the time of your request. *Please note that students and parents who email staff after 3:00pm should not expect to receive a response until the next school day.* Contact information for all faculty and staff can be found at <https://www.alphaschool.org/staff-faculty>

Virtual Meet Participation Requirements:

Students are expected to promptly attend all scheduled virtual classes just as they would if they were in the physical school building. Virtual meetings are **mandatory** for all students in Grades 1-8 (unless otherwise noted by the teacher) as teachers will be providing key instructional information. Attendance will be taken in each meet. If a student is **absent**, parent/guardian will be notified via email - indicating the day, time, and subject of the meet missed - and will be required to complete an absence form. If a pattern begins to develop, teachers/principals will be reaching out and grades may be affected.

If a student in grades 1-8 misses a virtual meet, just as if they missed a school day, it will be their responsibility to reach out to obtain the missed information from their teacher. That information may be provided as an alternate assignment, handouts, etc depending on the information covered.



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*NOTE: Participation in virtual meets is a **privilege**. The principal reserves the right to revoke the privilege for any student to participate in virtual meets if there is a question of them not acting responsibly.*

IF ALPHA SCHOOL IS DELAYED:

Alpha School will follow the direction of North Allegheny School District. If you live in another school district and they differ from what Alpha School is doing, here is what you need to know:

Alpha School is on Normal Schedule & your home district Delays:

This means that your child's busing will be delayed. If you can safely do so, please bring your child to school at the normal time. Your child & your safety are the most important thing, so if the roads near you are unsafe or you need to use busing, you may take the delay and it will not be considered a late arrival or tardy. *Please mark in the dismissal system that your child will be arriving on a 2 hour delay with the bus (or call/email the school secretary, Mrs. Beck) so we know to expect your child.*

Alpha School is on a Delay & your home district is on Normal Schedule:

Please do NOT put your child on the bus if Alpha School is delayed as there will likely be no one at the school to meet them upon arrival. Instead, please drive your child to school at the delayed arrival time. *(The school will open its doors at 9:15 on a two hour delay.)* We understand that this might be inconvenient, but please understand we want to ensure the safety of our staff as well as our students.

Alpha School is on a Delay & your home district is Closed:

This means that your child will not have any busing for the entire day, for arrival in the morning or dismissal. Please do your best to get them to school if you can do so safely. Again, first and foremost, we want to keep all our students and families safe. Please note that if your child is unable to attend, it will be marked as an excused absence.