

Stanwood-Camano School District

February 11, 2021

Family Communication

This is a reminder that we do not have school tomorrow, Friday, February 12 for mid-winter break, or Monday, February 15, in honor of President's Day. Please see information below.

School Closures

Stanwood-Camano School District is committed to the safety of our staff, students, and families. When we have inclement weather, our transportation department begins physically checking area roads around 3 a.m. In addition, they monitor multiple weather services including the National Weather Service. This gives them the opportunity to see what is currently happening in our community and have predictions for later in the day.

This morning was particularly difficult because weather service predictions were changing hourly. At 6:00 a.m., predictions were calling for snow beginning at 3 p.m. This was concerning as our elementary dismissal times are at 3:30 p.m. In more typical years, we have snow routes prepared at the start of the school year. This year, due to our frequently changing attendance as a result of COVID, we did not have snow routes prepared and communicated with families. The combination of these factors would make it difficult for us to safely get students home from school if snow did begin to fall at 3:00 p.m., as predicted.

Typically, we try to make closure announcements prior to 5:00 a.m. This morning, the forecast was changing repeatedly, which resulted in a decision and notification that went out later than we would prefer. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. Our decisions are always made based upon student safety.

School Reopening

Thank you to our families and staff for continuing to follow our COVID safety protocols. Our Kindergarten-5th grade students are attending successfully and safely in our hybrid model. We look forward to bringing back our middle school students on February 22. If metrics remain under 200 cases per 100,000 per a two week period, our high school students will return in-person on March 8.

Athletics

The high school fall sports season is slated to begin on February 22. Middle school students will have opportunities to participate in conditioning beginning in March. Information will be forthcoming to students.