

Weather Advisory Information

OMPH School contacts parents directly through our "AP Notify" system for weather related schedule changes and other such situations. Additionally weather related changes are posted on WGAL-TV.

In case of inclement weather, OMPH School follows the Ephrata School District's plan of action for early dismissals, delays in opening, and cancellations. However since at times our school calendar differs from the Ephrata district, if checking on WGAL, please listen/look for the message posted by **OMPH School**. If Ephrata would happen to have a day off, or are virtual due to COVID or have an early dismissal on a snowy day and we are in session, the Ephrata district will contact us regarding the bus service they will provide for our children. **The message posted in this case would be different than the message posted for the Ephrata district students.**

Weather Related Delay:

For the 2020-2021 school year there will not be any 2 hour delays. If the weather conditions are bad and the school will be closed, we will either implement a Flexible Instruction Day (FID) or the students will learn virtually for the day. FID days will include having students do work on their own for the day. Virtual days will be a virtual instructional day on zoom with the teacher. When you receive the call from "AP Notify" the message will let you know if the day will be a Flexible Instructional Day or Virtual Day.

Weather Related Dismissal:

1. Please review with your child(ren) what they are to do/where they are to go when we have a weather related early dismissal.
2. All after school activities are cancelled when an early dismissal is called. There will be no After School Club Program.
3. School districts do provide busing for weather related dismissals.
 - a) OMPH follows the Ephrata School District. As soon as we hear from them, we inform the Weather Alert System who will in turn post or announce the dismissal for OMPH students.
 - b) If Ephrata School District does not dismiss early but the school district in which you reside dismisses early, your child(ren) will be dismissed early from OMPH when your district bus arrives.
 - c) If you hear on the TV or radio that your local district is dismissing at a certain time, you can assume that the district bus will pick up your child at OMPH at a time close to the time given on the TV or radio, but because the district buses often stop at several buildings, they may not pick up the children at OMPH at exactly that same time as they are picking up the children in the public school.
 - d) If OMPH closes early but your school district does not close, you child(ren) will be dismissed at the regular time.
4. All students riding by car will be dismissed to the rear of the school. We will follow the same routine as our daily dismissal. Please wait in your car for your child(ren) and display your family name in your front windshield. It is much easier for us to ensure the safety off all students when they are dismissed in this manner. Please do not park in the front of the school for a weather related early dismissal. Access to the driveway is needed for buses. All buses will be loaded as they arrive. Cars will be dismissed if there are no buses in the front.

Early dismissals create a very hectic situation in the office. We need to keep our phone lines open so the school districts can contact us. Please refer to the radio or TV stations rather than calling the school. The information for your district will be available there as soon as the district has made a decision. Thank you!

Weather Related Cancellation:

When Ephrata School District closes OMPH will close. If Ephrata School District is virtual, the status of OMPH will be listed separately.