



To: All Holy Cross BASCOL Parents/Guardians
From: Natalie R. Scavone, Executive Director
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RE: SNOW DAYS

As winter approaches, this is a reminder of how BASCOL operates for all registered BASCOL children when normal school hours are altered due to weather or other conditions.

Please Note: Additional Fees for Extended Child Care hours may apply. Please see your BASCOL Parent Handbook.

IF Holy Cross decides that school will not open due to snow or other conditions prior to the start of school:

THEN: BASCOL at Holy Cross will be CLOSED.

- We can offer snow day care at St. Ann's Site located at 4471 Onondaga Blvd. for grades K-6.
- **Please pack a lunch**, including a beverage for your child.
- BASCOL will serve a morning breakfast and afternoon snack as usual.
- Please pack outdoor clothing for your child. The temperature outside dictates how long we play outside, but we usually go outside, even if for just a few minutes, to play in the snow. Hats, gloves or mittens, snowsuit, boots, extra socks and pants are needed to ensure your child is warm and dressed appropriately for outdoor play. Please be sure to pack these for your child every time there is a snow day **and at daily BASCOL during snowy months.**

BASCOL DOES NOT OFFER MORNING CARE FOR DELAYS.

IF the school calls for an early dismissal once school has begun:

THEN: When school is dismissed early, BASCOL will be open at the Holy Cross School until 6:00pm if permitted.

- BASCOL can only guarantee room for a child who is regularly scheduled for that afternoon. If your child does not attend all afternoons or is SHO PLUS, we cannot guarantee room for your child on an early dismissal day. You will need to call the BASCOL Office to see if we have space to add your child to our program. Your child may not be able to stay due to maintaining staff to child ratio.



- When school closes due to extreme weather conditions, and the severity of the storm makes entering and exiting the building unsafe for children, parents and school personnel, **the school building will be closed and the BASCOL program at Holy Cross will also close.**
- If BASCOL will not be available to offer care, you will be notified.

In case of an extreme emergency, if BASCOL were to delay or close, it would be announced on local television and radio stations, as follows;

TV stations = WSTM-TV3, WTVH-TV5, & 9WSYR.

Radio stations = Y94, WHEN, 107.9, B104.7 and WSYR.

We cannot emphasize enough the importance of bringing a full set of winter outdoor clothing for your child (hat, gloves, snowsuit, snow boots, extra dry socks and pants, etc.) on a daily basis during the winter months. Our NY State regulations mandate daily outdoor play but, the length of time spent outside will be dictated by the weather. The snow and chilly weather is wonderful play weather for the children when properly dressed.

Please feel free to contact the BASCOL Office @ 315-622-4815, if you have any questions, comments or concerns.