



January 2017

SPARTAN HERALD

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Dear Parents,

The Aylor staff would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. We hope that you are able to spend some valuable time with your family and children over winter break. Refreshed and renewed, we are looking forward to the remainder of the school year and hope the New Year brings good grades, strong study habits and a positive attitude.

We just completed the first semester, but there is still so much to learn and accomplish in the remaining months of school. The second semester at Robert E. Aylor promises to be a busy one. Our sports teams, boy's basketball, wrestling, and cheerleading will come to an end during the month of January with the championships beginning on January 14th for wrestling and January 17th through the 19th for basketball. All of our athletes have been putting in the extra effort and seeing improvement throughout the season. Our chorus and band entertained us with some great performances over the past few weeks and we want to thank our staff and students for all their hard work. Volleyball tryouts will begin on January 20th. Auditions for *The Lion King Jr.* are being held on January 5th. We are looking forward to another amazing production this year. We have many more activities that will be coming up throughout the second semester and we encourage you to come and support the students and experience the awesome Spartan "Spear" it that we have here at Aylor.

The New Year offers an opportunity to celebrate new beginnings as many of us will start the 2017 year with one or more resolutions aimed at improving something about ourselves or our lives. This new year, let's resolve to keep the lines of communication open between school and home, so that all of our students are supported as they tackle new and challenging course content and skills in the months to come. With the semester just ending, report cards will be issued on January 12th so please feel free to call your child's teacher regarding his or her progress and grades. You may even wish to call the guidance department (540-869-3736) to schedule a conference with a group of your child's teachers. It is always a good idea to check Parent/360 regularly to view grades and assignments. The teachers and staff at Aylor are committed to doing our part to help your child be successful. When parents join us as partners in their children's education, it is the child who reaps the benefits.

In 2017, we will continue to offer many opportunities outside of the regular classroom for students to make up missed or incomplete work/tests or get assistance with difficult concepts or assignments. For students whose grades need a boost, we have the MAT program on Tuesday afternoons. Many of our teachers offer days they will stay after school or come in early to work with our students and provide remediation and opportunity to retake tests. If you feel your child needs additional assistance, please feel free to contact our guidance department to set something up. All of us at REAMS are looking forward to the remainder of the school year and hope to continue to instill the joy and value of learning within your student so they can experience the personal satisfaction that accompanies academic success..

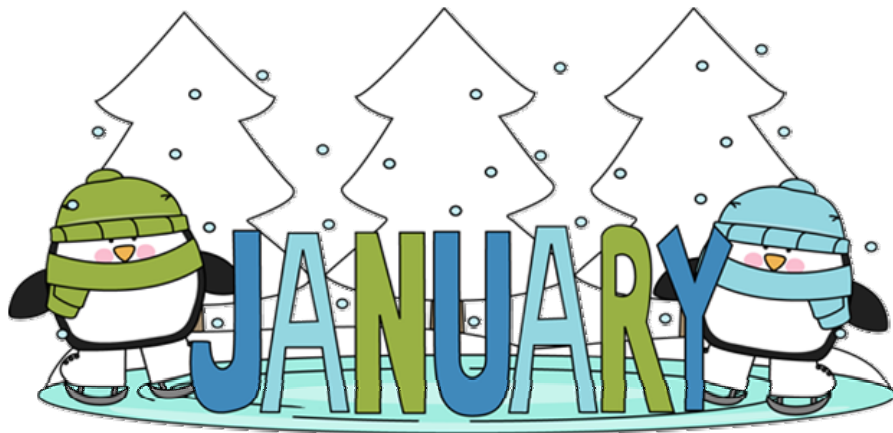
Sincerely,

Marcella Simmons

Assistant Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JANUARY

2		NO SCHOOL (end of 2nd quarter) Winter Break
3		NO SCHOOL (Winter Break)
4		School Reopens
4	3-4pm	Volleyball open gym
5	3-5pm	Spring Musical audition (café)
6	3-5pm	Spring Musical call backs (café)
9	7pm	County Forensics Competition @JWMS
10	3-5pm	Volleyball open gym
11	7pm	PTSO meeting (library)
11	7pm	Winter Band Concert (rescheduled)
12		Report Cards Issued
14		FCJL Wrestling Championship @Aylor
16		NO SCHOOL (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
20	3-5pm	Volleyball Tryouts
23	3-5pm	Volleyball Tryouts
24	3-5pm	Volleyball Tryouts
30		NO SCHOOL (Professional Development)



****ATTENTION PARENTS****

Parents & Guardians: we need your help and support as you provide your child with their ride to and from school. Please help our traffic situation by having your child exit the car as soon as you make it to the curb and it's appropriate to stop. Waiting until you reach the café entrance creates a very slow process and causes traffic to back up onto Aylor Road which can lead to additional safety issues. In addition as temperatures drop, remember that our doors do NOT open until 7:30 a.m. and wind chill factors can easily push temps into dangerous levels of exposure. Thank you for your assistance with helping to create a more efficient and safe atmosphere for our students and the traffic loop.



HOMEWORK REQUESTS

Homework can be requested for your child after he/she has been absent for three or more consecutive days.

Make-up homework needs to be requested by 10:30 am and will be available after 3:00pm.
The office closes at 4:00pm

Keep Information Up-to-Date

Please be sure to contact the school whenever any of your child's contact information changes. It is important that the school has correct contact information for each student's parents/guardians. Whenever a home phone number, cell phone number or email address changes, please contact the school so that our records can be updated. Without the correct contact information, we are not able to effectively communicate and reach you in the event of an emergency.
Thank you!

Bus Notes/ Transportation Changes

If your child is riding the bus home with another student or will be picked up early by another student's parent, BOTH students MUST have signed permission notes from their parent/guardian.

Arrangements must be made prior to students leaving home in the morning. Students will not be permitted to call home to initiate a change in transportation.

Reporting Student Absences

When students will be absent, the parent/guardian must notify the school by calling 540-869-3736 or report the absence using the REAMS web site under Quick Links. If you are unable to notify the school in advance, please send a written explanation for the student's absence.

Tardy Policy

Classes start at 7:55 am. Students who are tardy to school must report to the main office to receive a tardy pass. After 3 unexcused tardies (per marking period) the student will receive an after school detention.

School Board Takes Action to Address Overcrowding and Enrollment Growth

The Frederick County School Board adopted a revised Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) on December 6. The top three priorities on the CIP are construction of a fourth high school, the Armel Elementary School addition/renovation, and the construction of a 12th Elementary School. Each of these priorities is needed to address current overcrowding, future enrollment growth due to residential development, and to provide the space needed to facilitate engaging instruction that is most effective in preparing students for the future. The Board also has asked the Board of Supervisors to provide the funding needed proceed with the construction of the new schools and the addition/renovation at Armel so they can be completed over the next 2-3 years. At its meeting on December 14, the Board of Supervisors voiced concerns about the three projects and took no action which will result in the projects being delayed and likely increase the cost of the projects due to construction inflation. Any delay will also result in the School Board having to consider less favorable options to address enrollment growth in the short-term such as attendance zone changes and using additional modular classrooms. Additional information on the School Board's Capital Improvement Plan and each of the plan's top priorities is available at <http://bit.ly/2h3SYe6>. Students, parents and FCPS staff members are encouraged to share their perspectives on these important projects with members of the School Board and Board of Supervisors.

Fourth High School Information Meeting

A public information meeting on the construction of Frederick County's fourth high school will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, January 4 at Admiral Richard E. Byrd Middle School. Representatives from the school division and the architectural firm designing the school will provide an overview of the project and seek community input. Information on the project is available at <http://bit.ly/2g6Hulq>

John Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth (CTY)

The Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth (CTY) is a nonprofit center that identifies young people of great academic promise through their annual Talent Search. Students who qualify for CTY can participate in Summer Programs, Online Programs, and other services and resources. Through an advanced assessment, CTY will help you discover whether their programs and services are right for your child and find the appropriate level of challenge to inspire your advanced learner. If you would like to have your child participate in the Talent Search or would like more information, please visit Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth online at www.cty.jhu.edu

Attention Parents and Community!

Please don't forget to participate in the Speak Up Survey. The Speak Up Survey allows you to share your viewpoints about key educational issues, particularly concerning digital learning and the use of technology to support future ready schools. By participating today, you are ensuring your voice is heard not only by your school and district but at the state and national level as findings are summarized and shared with national and state policy makers every year. Access the Speak Up Survey at <http://www.speakup4schools.org/speakup2016/>

YEARBOOK SALES

TO GUARANTEE YOUR CHILD RECEIVES A YEARBOOK FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR YOU MUST GO ONLINE AND PRE PAY!

(ALL YEARBOOKS WILL BE SHIPPED TO AYLOR)

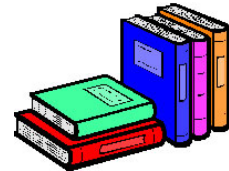
Yearbook Online Prices

8/1/16 - 1/1/17 - online price \$30

1/2/17 - 4/1/17 - online price \$35

Happy Holidays, everyone! The library had a lot of fun buying new audio books, graphic novels, books, legos, and manipulatives for the Makerspace like some science experiments, new circuit boards, fighting robots, Stikbot animation, and LittleBits. These will be great additions to the library, and awesome supplemental activities for class rooms to check-out and use. We also had fun hosting a gingerbread house competition among the different REAP classes. Students had to learn to work together to assemble and decorate their house, in the allotted time period. We would like to wish everyone a relaxing winter break, and a Happy New Year!

Margaret Werner
Librarian











Frederick County Middle Schools

2017

School Meals: The Real Deal

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Note: Additional Fruits & vegetables may be offered daily. Students must select at least 1/2 cup of a fruit and/or</p>		<p>PIZZA or GOLDEN CORN Choose 1 or 2 GREEN LEAFY SALAD STEAMED CARROTS Choose 1 APPLE SAUCE FRESH FRUIT SUGAR COOKIE</p>	<p>GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH or TUNA SALAD on bun Choose 1 or 2 VEGETABLE SOUP w/crackers TOMATO CUP Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT MIXED FRUIT CUP</p>	<p>PORK RIB w/roll or FISH SQUARE w/roll Choose 1 or 2 BROCCOLI CRISPY CUCUMBER SLICES w/dip Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PEACH CUP</p>
<p>9 SLIPPY JOE on bun or HAM & CHEESE on bun Choose 1 or 2 OVEN BAKED FR EG COLE SLAW Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PEAR CUP</p>	<p>10 CHICKEN NUGGETS w/roll or SALISBURY STEAK w/roll Choose 1 or 2 MASHED POTATOES w/ gravy CRUNCHY CARROTS w/dip Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PINEAPPLE CUP </p>	<p>11 PIZZA STICKS w/roll or MEATBALL SUB Choose 1 or 2 GREEN LEAFY SALAD PINTO BEANS Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT APPLE SAUCE</p>	<p>12 PANCAKES w/FRUIT SAUCE or FRENCH TOAST w/EGG PATTY POTATO WEDGES Choose 1 or 2 JUICE MIXED FRUIT CUP </p>	<p>13 PIZZA or TUNA WRAP Choose 1 or 2 TOMATO CUP SNAPPY GREEN BEANS Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PEACH CUP PLDGING</p>
<p>16 NO SCHOOL </p>	<p>17 CHICKEN W/ CHICKEN w/roll or BBQ PORK RIB on bun Choose 1 or 2 STEAMED CARROTS SNAPPY GREEN BEANS Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PINEAPPLE CUP FORTUNE COOKIE</p>	<p>18 TURKEY SUB or STEAK & CHEESE SUB Choose 1 or 2 GOLDEN CORN PINTO BEANS Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT APPLE SAUCE </p>	<p>19 HOT DOG on bun or GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH Choose 1 or 2 TOMATO SOUP w/crackers TATER TOTS Choose 1 FRESH GRAPES MIXED FRUIT CUP</p>	<p>20 CHICKEN TENDERS w/roll or SHRIMP POPPER w/cheese stick & bread stick Choose 1 or 2 BROCCOLI TOMATO CUP Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PEACH CUP</p>
<p>22 BBQ PULLED PORK on bun or HAM & CHEESE on Croissant Choose 1 or 2 DANED BEANS MILK JUGS Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PEAR CUP</p>	<p>23 SPAGHETTI w/cheese stick & bread stick or BIG FAT BURRITO w/roll Choose 1 or 2 GOLDEN CORN GREEN LEAFY SALAD Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PINEAPPLE CUP CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE</p>	<p>24 PIZZA or TACO w/meat & cheese Choose 1 or 2 CRUNCHY CARROTS w/dip SNAPPY GREEN BEANS BLACK BEAN & CORN SALSA Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT APPLE SAUCE</p>	<p>25 CORN DOG or FISH SQUARE on bun Choose 1 or 2 GREEN PEAS TOMATO CUP Choose 1 FRESH GRAPES MIXED FRUIT CUP CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP w/crackers</p>	<p>26 CHICKEN NUGGETS w/roll or MACARONI AND CHEESE w/roll Choose 1 or 2 BROCCOLI SWEEET POTATOES Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PEACH CUP</p>
<p>28 NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>29 CHICKEN AND CHEESE CUPRACIITA or HOT DOG on bun Choose 1 or 2 PINTO BEANS POTATO WEDGES Choose 1 FRESH FRUIT PINEAPPLE CUP SALSA </p>		<p></p>	<p>*Additional Meal Choices: Offered Daily Saled w/ soft pretzels or Yogurt w/ soft pretzels</p>

All meals are served with a variety of low fat or skim milk daily.

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FREDERICK COUNTY MIDDLE & ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST MENU 2016-2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><u>Choose 1</u></p> <p>Strawberry Shortcake</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Pancakes w/Syrup</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Yogurt w/Graham Crackers</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Cereal w/Toast</p> <p><u>Choose 1 or 2</u></p> <p>Assorted Fruit Choice</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Juice</p>	<p><u>Choose 1</u></p> <p>Mini Waffles</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Sausage Gravy Over Biscuit</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Yogurt w/Graham Crackers</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Cereal w/Toast</p> <p><u>Choose 1 or 2</u></p> <p>Assorted Fruit Choice</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Juice</p>	<p><u>Choose 1</u></p> <p>Apple Crisp</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Egg and Cheese on a Biscuit</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Yogurt Parfait</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Cereal w/Toast</p> <p><u>Choose 1 or 2</u></p> <p>Assorted Fruit Choice</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Juice</p>	<p><u>Choose 1</u></p> <p>Chicken Patty on a Biscuit</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Pizza Breakfast Bagel</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Yogurt Parfait</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Cereal w/Toast</p> <p><u>Choose 1 or 2</u></p> <p>Assorted Fruit Choice</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Juice</p>	<p><u>Choose 1</u></p> <p>Breakfast Pizza</p> <p>Or</p> <p>French Toast Sticks w/Syrup</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Yogurt w/Graham Crackers</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Cereal w/Toast</p> <p><u>Choose 1 or 2</u></p> <p>Assorted Fruit Choice</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Juice</p>

MEAL PRICES

Breakfast - \$1.40
 Lunch - \$2.85
 Reduced breakfast - .30
 Reduced lunch - .40





Parents or guardians are encouraged to use the online payment system, MySchoolBucks, to pay school activity fees, and place money on a student's cafeteria account. Parents are able to view current account balances, review recent purchases, receive low balance alerts, and setup recurring payments on a weekly or monthly basis if desired. Once the payment is made, a receipt is automatically sent to the purchaser and teacher notifying them the payment has been received. Visa and MasterCard are accepted 24 hours a day. The website is user friendly and allows you to self register.

Register on the school's website or on the FCPS homepage. Look for the MySchoolbucks payment link.

GOOD NEWS, GOOD NEWS!!!!!!

You may now use your Visa, Mastercard or Discover card in the office for all items that are available on My-schoolbucks, such items include: class fees, field trips, etc.



A BIG THANK YOU!!!!

Aylor's Science and Math departments received a \$500 grant from H.N. Funkhouser & Company and the ExxonMobil Educational Alliance.

You can check out the program of studies for the 2017-2018 school year on the FCPS web site, under the Parents and Students button.

The following students made All District Band: Skylar Vollmer - 1st chair tuba, Kendall Chapman - trumpet, Monica Symons - trumpet, Joe Venturato - trombone, Adam Grant - alternate - percussion

Counseling Corner

Lexi Rogers	6th Grade	rogerrsj@fcpsk12.net
Laonna Rauser	7th Grade	rauserl@fcpsk12.net
Eric Demorest	8th Grade	demorese@fcpsk12.net
Tonya Smith	Secretary	smitht@fcpsk12.net
Ph:(540) 869-3736	Ext: 80193	Fax:(540) 869-5180

MAT PROGRAM

The MAT (Mentors, Academics, and Teamwork) program will be continuing through March. We always welcome new students and have several high school mentors working with the program this year. We meet on Tuesday after school from 3-4. If your student is unable to attend the program due to lack of transportation, we now have a FCPS bus that can provide transportation after the program. Please contact Mr. Demorest in guidance if you need more information about the MAT program or transportation.

CHECK OUT THE ADDITIONS TO AYLOR'S SCHOOL COUNSELING PAGE!

There are links to videos, handouts, power points, quizzes, etc.

- Academic Resources
- Counseling Resources
- Character Education Resources
- Community Resources
- Career Exploration

[Http://rea.frederick.k12.va.us/parents_students/school_counseling](http://rea.frederick.k12.va.us/parents_students/school_counseling)

SOL TESTING SCHEDULE FOR SPRING 2017

March 6-16 - 8th Grade writing Test
May 1-26 - 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Non-Writing Tests

DID YOU KNOW? The Parent 360 Portal offers secure, real-time access to grades, assignments, missing work and much more. Many smart phones even have a Tyler SIS app in the app store you can download.

If you have not received your username and password, please contact Mrs. Smith in guidance.

AYLOR'S SPORTS PAGE

Athletic Admissions

\$3 - Adults and middle/high school students

FREE - Elementary Students

WRESTLING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, January 10 - Frederick County (away)

Saturday, January 14 - FCJL Championships (home)

Boy's Basketball Schedule

Wednesday, January 4 - Johnson Williams (home)

Tuesday, January 10 - Frederick County (home)

Thursday, January 12 - Mt. View Christian (home)

Tuesday, January 17 - FCJL (high seed)

Wednesday, January 18 - 7th grade championships (Admiral Byrd)

Thursday, January 19 - 8th grade championships (Admiral Byrd)

VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Open Gym - Wednesday, January 4 - from 3-5

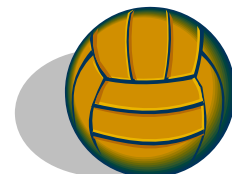
Open Gym - Tuesday, January 10 - from 3-5

Tryouts - Friday, January 20 - from 3-5

Tryouts - Monday, January 23 - from 3-5

Tryouts - Tuesday, January 24 - from 3-5

You must have a physical on file to tryout



FORENSIC WINNERS

First place winners in each category will go on to represent Aylor in the county-wide forensics competition on January 9th at James Wood Middle School.

Poetry:

3rd place: Kyle Mitchell

2nd place: Aurora Hayes

1st place: Jona Benson with "The Pig" by Roald Dahl

Monologue:

3rd place: Natalie Palmer

2nd place: Ryleigh Combs

1st place: Daisy Conde with "A Man Who Would be King" by Rudyard Kipling

Duo-Monologue:

3rd place: Zoe Costello and Darius Kane

2nd place: Riley Nusbaum and Sage Edwards

1st place: Emma Hunter and Kendall Chapman with "Who's on First" by William Abbott and Lou Costello

Prose:

3rd place: Jaeda Long

2nd place: Elizabeth Sayen

1st place: Rosealy Luttrell with an excerpt from Lone Survivor by Marcus Luttrell and Patrick Robinson

Speech:

3rd place: Marissa Salyers

2nd place: Madison Hoffa

1st place: Lindley Armel with Ellen Degeneres's "Graduation Speech to Tolane University, 2009"

**THE WINTER BAND CONCERT HAS BEEN
RESCHEDULED**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11
7PM (CAFÉ)**

ACCENTS MAGAZINE

The Accents Literary Magazine will have an information meeting on Thursday, 1/19 until 3:30 in Dr. Brown's room (128). Students from all grades are welcome. Please see Dr. Brown if you are interested but cannot attend the meeting.



GUIDELINES FOR KEEPING SICK CHILDREN HOME FROM SCHOOL

Each day many parents are faced with a decision: should they keep their sick children at home or send them off to school? Often the way a child looks and acts can make the decision an obvious one. The following guidelines should be considered when making the decision:

FEVER: The child should remain at home with a fever greater than 100 degrees. The child can return to school after he/she has been fever free for 24 hours (without fever-reducing medicine such as Tylenol or Motrin).

DIARRHEA/VOMITTING: A child with diarrhea and/or vomiting should stay at home and return to school only after being symptom-free for 24 hours.

CONJUNCTIVITIS (PINK EYE): Following a diagnosis of conjunctivitis, the child may return to school 24 hours after the first dose of prescribed medicine.

RASHES: Common infectious diseases with rashes are most contagious in the early stages. A child with a suspicious rash should return to school only after a health care provider has made a diagnosis and authorized the child's return to school.

COLDS: Consider keeping your child at home if he/she is experiencing discomfort from cold symptoms, such as nasal congestion and cough. A continuous green discharge from the nose may be a sign of infection. Consider having the child seen by your health care provider.

*A sick child cannot learn effectively and is unable to participate in classes in a meaningful way. Keeping a sick child home prevents the spread of illness in the school community and allows the child opportunity to rest and recover.

Christie Bundrick
School Nurse

FREDERICK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

August 2016

When a storm brings snow, ice, freezing rain, flooding, or other hazardous conditions to Frederick County or an emergency situation occurs, care for safety may necessitate closing schools, dismissing early, or opening them later than usual in the morning.

WHEN THE DECISION IS MADE

If weather conditions occur that make it obvious our schools will not be able to operate the following day, an announcement for the next day is sent out on the FCPS Rapid Communications System and is communicated to radio and television stations. If the situation is uncertain or a storm develops during the night, the decision is not made and announced until early the following morning. A decision for the county must be made no later than 5:30 a.m. in order for announcements to be made in a timely manner.

HOW THE DECISION IS MADE

The assistant superintendent for administration, director of transportation, and other transportation employees check weather and road conditions in different sections of the county. They also coordinate with the highway department, public safety officials, and each other. In addition, school officials take a firsthand look by driving some county school-bus routes. The next step may involve checking with other school superintendents, particularly those in Winchester City, Clarke, Shenandoah, and Warren Counties. Finally, a recommendation from the assistant superintendent for administration and the director of transportation is presented to the superintendent, and a final decision is made.

LINES OF COMMUNICATION

After a decision to close school or delay opening is made, an announcement is sent out on the FCPS Rapid Communications System and is communicated to radio and TV stations listed below:

Radio Station Call List	
WINC 92.5FM/1400AM	WRNR 740AM
WUSQ 102.5FM/WFQX 99.3FM	WSIG 96.9FM
WZRV 95.3FM/WFTR1450AM	WBOP 106.3FM
WKMZ 97.5FM/WPEM 1340AM	WFTX 610AM
WYII 95.9FM	

TV Station Call List	
Cable Channel 18	Channel 4 (WRC-TV)
WHSV Harrisonburg	Channel 5 (WTTG-TV)
Channel 25 Hagerstown	Channel 7 (WJLA-ABC7)
Channel 99 (WAZT)	Channel 9 (WUSA TV9)

The decision will be broadcast shortly after the station is called. In addition, Frederick County Public Schools' information line at 540-722-6443 or 540-662-3889, ext. 6, and Cable Channel 18 will have information on emergency school closings.

Frederick County Public Schools also utilizes a free e-mail service that will notify parents immediately of announced school closings or opening delays. Parents with the ability to receive e-mail may register free of charge at www.schools-out.com. In the event of school closings or cancellations, parents who subscribe to the service will receive an e-mail message sent to the address that they specify notifying them of schedule changes. This is a free service provided to the school division and control of the www.schools-out.com site rests with the non-profit group that sponsors the site. Additionally, the information may be accessed by going to the Frederick County Public Schools web site at www.frederick.k12.va.us and clicking on

the "Info for Parents" graphic on the opening screen.

It is important that parents and students not telephone the stations for information about school closings. Such efforts may block delivery of the very information the individual wishes to obtain by preventing a call from a school official with the announcement.

ONE-HOUR DELAY

The one-hour delay schedule is employed when the weather situation is not sharply defined or when some roads are not clear and daylight will improve safety. A decision on this must also be made by 5:30 a.m. Use of the delay means that all schedules are moved one hour later. For example, a student who usually boards a school bus at 7:30 a.m. will be picked up at 8:30 a.m. Use of the delay allows schools to operate a full day if conditions significantly improve after 6:30 a.m. On occasion, if weather conditions worsen, schools will be closed and the announcement made before 7:30 a.m.

TWO-HOUR DELAY

A two-hour delay may, at times, be announced. When this occurs, students will be picked up two hours later than usual, and no breakfast will be served at school.

EARLY DISMISSAL

A storm can develop or conditions become hazardous at anytime in the morning necessitating an early closing. If this occurs, the high schools will be dismissed at 12:00 p.m., middle schools at 12:15 p.m., and elementary schools at 1:00 p.m. When early dismissal is announced, parents may go to the schools and pick up their children. We ask your cooperation in parking to avoid dangerous situations for students and buses. During serious weather conditions, these times may be changed and announced on the identified communication channels.

DIFFERING ROAD CONDITIONS

The condition of relatively narrow secondary roads bears heavily on the decision to close schools as well as to reopen them. Sometimes patrons ask why

schools are not in session after students have been out a day or two and roads in Winchester and the suburbs are clear. The decision for the entire school system is made in relation to the condition of all roads in Frederick County. Many times city and suburban streets are in good condition for travel, but some secondary roads remain icy and very dangerous.

Frederick County has approximately 650 miles of highways. This includes 26 miles of I-81, 101 miles of primary highways, and 523 miles of secondary roads, including 172 miles of unpaved roads. The heavily traveled routes (I-81, Rt. 37, and U.S. 11, 50, and 522) are always cleared prior to secondary roads.

EMERGENCY SNOW-SCHEDULE ROUTES

If icy conditions persist, it may be necessary to operate schools and have reduced bus routes. If this occurs, the radio announcement will state that buses will operate on the emergency schedule. Parents on roads where buses will not operate should get their children to the location designated on the emergency snow schedule until the bus can resume its regular route. This information will be sent to parents living on the emergency snow-schedule routes.

BAD WEATHER DAYS IN SCHOOL CALENDAR

The School Board reserves the right to change the calendar in relation to holiday observance and make-up days (see school board policy). Seven (7) inclement weather days are built into the 2016-17 school calendar. The first five days missed are made up one for one. If more than five teaching days are missed, one day will be made up for each two days missed in excess of 5 and up to 9 make-up days. Fourteen or more teaching days missed will require subsequent school board action to adjust the school calendar.

CONCERN FOR SAFETY

Any decision about closing schools is made with safety of the students as the primary concern.

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