

School Delay and Closing Guidance 2015-2016

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Marian student families live in 12 different public school districts. In order to make this process easier to understand, we have a basic set of guidelines to follow:

- 1. The only time Marian will post information on a T.V. or Radio Station is when the entire school closes. Marian Catholic does not announce delays.**
- 2. Tamaqua Area, Panther Valley Area, Mahanoy Area, Weatherly and Hazleton Area students - follow your local school district delay or closure. This includes students that drive to school. Watch and listen for your district and operate off their timeline.**
- 3. Kistler bus students (Contracted by Marian) - Lehighton, Palmerton, North Schuylkill, Shenandoah, Pottsville and Northern Lehigh Students – the Kistler buses that pick up these students are based in Tamaqua (West Penn). You must follow two rules:**
 - a. If your local school district is closed, you don't go to school – the roads are not safe. This always takes priority.**
 - b. Watch you school district's and Tamaqua Area's delay or closure status - If your school district and Tamaqua Area are on a delay, you will get picked up on whichever delay is greater: your school district's or Tamaqua's. If your school district or Tamaqua Area is closed, you will not get picked up for school.**
 - c. North Schuylkill/Shenandoah/Ringtown Run – This run goes through both North Schuylkill and Shenandoah Valley School Districts. This bus will always go off the greatest delay between Tamaqua (where the buses are), North Schuylkill or Shenandoah Valley.**
- 4. Jim Thorpe Students – Kuhn Transportation will pick up students based on the Jim Thorpe Area delay schedule.**

5. The school website, www.mariancatholicshs.org, WBRE and WNEP will be updated in the event that school is cancelled for the day.

Examples:

- 1) Tom lives in the North Schuylkill School District and rides the bus. North Schuylkill is on a 2 hour delay and Tamaqua is closed. Tom would not go to school because Tamaqua (where the buses are based out of) is closed for the day.
- 2) Jill lives in Hazleton Area School district and drives to school. Hazleton is closed for the day because of ice on the roads. Based on these circumstances, Jill would not come to school. Her public school district is closed due to unsafe roads; she should not be driving to school.
- 3) Bob lives in Lehigh Area School District and rides a contracted Kistler bus to school. Lehigh is on a 2-hour delay and Tamaqua is on a 1-hour delay. Bob will get picked up by the bus on a 2-hour delay schedule. The local schedule always takes priority if they ride a Kistler bus and the delay is greater than Tamaqua's.