

WEATHER ALERT INFORMATION

Here is some general information regarding how Falk School will notify parents regarding school closings or delays:

1. Our decision to close, delay or maintain normal hours of operation is independent of the University of Pittsburgh's operational policy. It is also somewhat independent of decisions made by Pittsburgh Public Schools. We may elect to close or have a delayed start even when the Public Schools are under normal operational hours. However, because of bussing, if the Pittsburgh Public Schools are closed or delayed, Falk School will be closed or delayed also.
2. We will use these radio stations KQV (1410), KDKA (1020) and WTAE (1250) for all of our announcements. We will also use television stations WPXI (Channel 11), KDKA (Channel 2) and WTAE (Channel 4) to announce closings or delays.
3. Those students using busses or vans provided by school districts other than Pittsburgh Public Schools need to rely on information provided to radio and television stations for those districts. For example, if Penn Hills is closed or delayed and a Falk Student rides a bus provided by that district, that bus service may be impacted even if Falk is on normal operating hours.
4. Finally, there are calling trees in place for Primary and Intermediate Grades, and an automated message system connected to the attendance line (412-383-7026). When the decision is made to close or delay school, calling trees will be put into effect. Homeroom parents are contacted and they in turn contact families of students in their homerooms. Information for the phone program will be initiated at the time the decision is made. However, the postings on television and radio will generally happen ahead of either of these events and will usually be your first notification.

NOTE: If an early dismissal is called due to weather or a building emergency. The office will send out a mass email and homeroom teachers and interns will start contacting parents for their child(s) dismissal preference.