

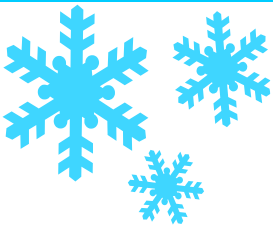


# SNOW DAYS

Is school closed today? Tune in and find out!

Dial	Call Letters	Website	Coverage
90.7 FM	WVMC	wvmcfm.com	Mansfield
91.1 FM	WVMC	wvmcfm.com	Ashland
102.7 FM	WVMC	wvmcfm.com	Wooster
100.1 FM	WSWR - FM	cruisin100.com	Shelby/Mansfield
101.3 FM	WNCO - FM	wncofm.com	Mansfield/Ashland
105.3 FM	WYHT - FM	wyht.com	Mansfield/Ashland
1400 AM	WMAN -AM	am1400.com	Mansfield
1340 AM	WNCO -AM	wncoam.com	Ashland
Channel 15 (Time Warner Cable)	T.V. 68	WMFD	Richland County





## WHAT SHOULD I KNOW ABOUT SNOW DAY PROCEDURES?

On the backside of this sheet is the annual list of radio stations, TV channels, and Internet sites, that parents may access, also MCS will be using Alert Now to notify parents if MCS is closed for snow. We would encourage you to post this list at home and have an idea of what you want to do for information prior to the first big snowfall. Here are some tips to remember and an explanation of procedures:

- You will receive a phone call from Alert Now, **Please make sure we have your updated phone number.**
- WVMC, Clear Channel stations, and WMFD TV are the first sites we call.
- Popular Clear Channel stations are AM1400, Y-105FM, and 101.3 WNCO FM.
- If at all possible, we try to make a decision and call the stations by 6:00 a.m.
- WMFD TV and WMFD.com are very quick to post cancellations. WMFD.com also offers a service that will call your cell phone and notify you if school is closed.
- We are **NOT** always closed if Mansfield City Schools are closed.
- We must consider the status of other districts because eight different public schools transport our students to and from MCS.
- Do not rely on calling the school that morning for information.
- MCS will again use a two-hour delay schedule.

*So, why watch the other districts?* With many students riding buses from the other districts, we must be able to make a decision that causes the least amount of difficulties for this group (both drivers and students). If the public schools remain open and we close, we must quickly try to reach those drivers and let them know that they should not pick up our students. If we stay open and the public districts close, our parents of bussed children must scramble to find a way to get their children to school.

**If your home district is closed and MCS remains open, your child's absence is weather excused if you are unable to get them to school that day. If your home district is on a delay, your child's late arrival is weather excused. If your home district is closed, MCS is open, and you are bringing your child to school, please drive carefully and take your time.** Tardiness related to weather is commonly excused when the student checks in at the office upon arrival.

Private schools have a unique situation with regard to snow days in that we do not have our own bus system nor do we have common neighborhood conditions to consider. In all, we must be wise in considering what those around us are doing because of the roads in their districts, and prompt in reporting our decisions to the local media. We will do our best to make a good decision quickly and please pray for the safety of all our families and students this winter.

### **MCS Two-hour delay schedule procedures:**

We try to align our decision with the recommendations made by the local school transportation directors. Often the weather is very poor at 6:00am, but much improved within the next two hours and fine by mid-morning.

- Two-hour delay schedules will be announced on local radio and TV stations as early as possible. School/classes will begin at 10:00am and the doors will open for students at 9:30am. Everything simply takes place two hours later. On a regular school day, our buildings open at 7:30am, so on a delay, our buildings and offices will open at 9:30am for the 10:00am start.
- All of our bussing districts have agreed to transport our students on a delay schedule if we are **both** on a two-hour delay. This means your child's bus will arrive for pick-up two hours later than the normal scheduled time. After school transportation will occur as usual.
- If MCS is on a two-hour delay and your public school district is not, then you will need to provide transportation to MCS on the delay schedule. Under these circumstances, your children should **not** get on their public school bus at their normal time because our building will not be open until 9:30am.
- Do not assume that a two-hour delay means MCS will stay open and drop-off your children early in the morning. Should MCS need to close, your children would be stranded at MCS in need of a ride home. Stay tuned to the radio, TV, or Internet in the event that the weather does not improve and we need to close. (See back for listing)
- There may remain times when your district is on a delay and MCS is not. As normal, parents may transport their children by 8:00am, wait and bring them in by 10:00am, or have them ride the bus and arrive two hours later than usual. As a reminder, if your home district is closed or delayed and MCS remains open without delay, your child's absence or late arrival is weather excused. Simply make sure this is communicated to the respective office (verbally or written) upon arrival.
- There will be no AM Pre-K on days with a two-hour delay. Children attending AM Kindergarten should report at 10:00am and will leave at Noon, full day Pre-K or full day Kindergarten should report by 10:00am. School lunches will be served on delay days.