



MCS Families,

It certainly has been a long winter and it has been good to see the sun this week and the temperatures slowly rise. Thank you for your patience as we have worked through the excessive snow days, delays, and rescheduled events.

After much discussion in Columbus, we were informed last week by our Regional ACSI Director, that chartered nonpublic schools (like MCS) **are indeed subject to the new "calamity day" legislation in Ohio.** According to the new legislation, schools must make up four calamity days (days 6-9) before a waiver is granted for additional days (days 10+). We had a total of 10 snow days at MCS this winter, therefore, one day is excused and four must be made up.

Last week, our school board accepted the recommendation of the administration and voted to use both of our contingency days listed on the school calendar (March 21 and April 21) and to make up the two remaining days via "blizzard bags" as allowed by the law. **Please note then that APRIL 21 will now be a regular school day at MCS.**

The "blizzard bag" concept allows schools to make up for the missed lessons by using either online or written assignments. A blizzard bag is simply a set of assignments related to the current units of study, that the students are to complete at home. Each class must have an assignment that would be equivalent to a full lesson. These must be graded and if the student does not complete the assignment, they must also receive an absence from class. **Very soon you should receive specific details from your children's teachers regarding what the assignments will be, when they are due, and how they may be completed.**

This approach should allow for the least amount of disruption to both the school calendar and our families schedules while ensuring that the students are exposed to the most essential information and concepts.

Thank you again for your cooperation and we look forward to an excellent finish to the school year!

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