Ranney School: What to Expect in an Emergency
Inclement Weather – Drills & Events –
School Closures – Delayed Openings - Early Dismissals

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Emergency Preparedness and Communication
Ranney School maintains an Emergency Preparedness Plan that was developed in coordination with the Tinton Falls Police Department. Ranney School operates a Crisis Management Team, which includes various administrators, staff, and local authorities, to address all safety and security needs on campus. The school also has a Crisis Communication Team, which is put into action when needed by the school leadership and board members.

Drills
Fire, evacuation, and lockdown drills are held regularly throughout the year. The details of school drills are carefully reviewed with the faculty and staff regularly, and students are made aware of the procedures. Our younger students receive comfort and guidance from their teachers to help them see drills as normal, routine, and safe. Teachers carry attendance lists at all times during drills. Cellphones are turned off or muted during drills. In addition, campus is shut down to incoming/outgoing traffic during drills, and students, faculty, and staff who are off campus are not be allowed to re-enter until the drill is complete.

Please note that parents are alerted via text through our RENS system (see below) during lockdown and evacuation drills, but not for fire drills.

In the event of a true emergency, the Tinton Falls Police Department will be notified immediately and emergency plans will be put into action. Campus will be shut down to incoming/outgoing traffic, and students, faculty, and staff who are off campus will not be allowed to re-enter.

Emergency alerts
Ranney School uses its Ranney Emergency Notification System (RENS) to keep parents, students, faculty, and staff informed of crucial information related to any school emergency, including weather-related closings. RENS has the ability to send texts, emails, and phone calls. However, you must ensure that you are registered for the system. Here’s how:

To receive a RENS emergency text message on your cell phone you must Opt-In to the RENS messaging service. Federal and state law states that because there may be a charge to you for data and text messages received, an individual must opt-in and accept the service before receiving messages.

- To Opt-In to the RENS service, from your cell phone text “Y” or “Yes” to the following number : 68453. Do this even if you have already received past text messages.
- Save number 68453 in your cell phone contacts as “RENS” for future reference. The contact name will then appear when receiving future RENS messages.
- Keep your contact information (names, address, phone numbers, emails) updated by sending any changes via email to myprofile@ranneyschool.org.
Early Dismissals, Delayed Openings, and School Closures

The Ranney School academic calendar is carefully planned in advance of each school year to respect the academic requirements and traditions of the school, while also observing major holidays relevant to our school’s community. There are occasions, however, that require an unplanned early dismissal or school closing. Such events are usually due to poor weather conditions. Please note that such closures are considered serious decisions for the administrative team and are intended for the safety of our students and staff.

When an early closing, delayed opening, or school cancellation occurs, each family will be notified via the Ranney School’s Emergency Notification System (RENS). See above to make sure you opt in. Announcements will also be posted on the school’s homepage at www.ranneyschool.org and announced on local radio stations (see stations below).

Important: Morning Care, After Care and After-School activities during school closures

- When a delayed opening occurs, Morning Care is automatically canceled.
- When an early dismissal occurs, After Care and After-School activities and programs, including sports, are also canceled.

What time does school start when there is a delayed opening?

In the event of a delayed opening, the school will open at 10:00 a.m., and students shall report to their homeroom. (Staff and administrators will arrive at 9:30 a.m.) Buses will run on a 90-minute delayed schedule, meaning if your normal pick-up time is 7:30 a.m., you should be at your stop at 9:00 a.m. This includes buses contracted through Ranney School as well as those provided by the municipalities (except Middletown). Middletown buses will follow the schedule established by their school district. Please note that students transported by district-provided buses shall ride at the discretion of that district (see additional district busing details below.)

Websites to check regarding school closures

First and foremost, you can check the Ranney School website (www.ranneyschool.org) for notice of any school closures related to inclement weather. Announcements will be posted on the public homepage as well as the log-in page. Certain local radio/TV stations may also list closings and delays.

Radio stations to check regarding school closures

In addition to the Ranney website and RENS notification, you can monitor these stations (and their websites) for weather-related closings:

- WADB 1310 AM / 94.3 FM
- WHTG 1410 AM / 106.3 FM
- WOBM 1160 AM / 92.7 FM
- WBBO 98.5 FM
- WBUD 1260 AM / 101.5 FM

Busing during school closures, delayed openings, and early dismissals

If students are transported by Ranney-managed Jay’s Bus Service (T18) or Angels Wing Transportation (T01 and T08), the buses will comply with Ranney’s decision regarding any delays or closings.

However, if students rely on school district busing managed by Seman Tov Busing (Route RS/TH1, RS4, RS173, and RS174) or Jay’s Bus Service (RS/TH2, RS181, RS183, RS184, RS2, RS24, RS25), the situation is different. For example, if Ranney School opens at a normal time but the school district (such as Freehold Regional High School’s district) has a delayed opening, the buses will follow the District delay, which means on-time busing will not be provided that day. If Ranney School has a delayed opening and the district is closed, buses will follow the District closing which means there will not be busing provided that day. These decisions are made in the interest of the students for safe travel and meet the standards of private schools whose students travel out of their district.
Parents should listen to radio or visit www.nj1015.com to find out what their district is doing and follow that specific delay. You may also choose to call the Bus Company directly using your Bus Route number.

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