



INCLEMENT WEATHER UPDATES

# Newsletter

## *When the weather outside is frightful...*

Each year we remind families of how we communicate during inclement weather. Forecasting the weather for school closures is not an easy task. Our community is large enough that snow may accumulate in one area and not in other areas. South Kitsap School District officials put a great deal of effort and thought into determining whether to keep schools open, start late, or close schools due to inclement weather conditions. Of course, parents make the final decision when sending students to school during inclement weather.

## *When are decisions made?*

School district officials do their best to make the decision by no later than 5:30 a.m. Sometimes, conditions are stable enough that the district is able to make the announcement the night before.

## *No News is Good News*

SKSD will report all school schedule changes to the local news media and post these changes to the home page of the district website. If no reports have been made, school will begin at regularly scheduled times.

## *When will my bus come?*

Bus routes follow the same schedule as our schools. For example, if schools are delayed two hours, bus riders can expect the bus to come approximately two hours late. On the occasion when roads are not passable, the Transportation Department may use alternate stops.



## *Take Action!*

To ensure you are notified of school delays, closures, or other emergencies, please make sure you are signed up for the following:

### ParentSquare

SKSD uses ParentSquare to send out all alerts via email, SMS, and Voice. ParentSquare is a simple and unified school-to-home communication platform—to reach and engage every parent, helping to ensure all parents have the opportunity to actively participate in their children’s education. Instructions on signing up for ParentSquare can be found on the next page or by visiting our website.

### Follow Us

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[@ SK Bus Riders](https://twitter.com/SK_Bus_Riders)

District Website:

[www.skschools.org](http://www.skschools.org)

## Ensure You Receive Notifications

To ensure you receive SMS messages along with email and phone blasts regarding school closures, delays, or other emergencies, please make sure your information is up to date in Skyward.

### Update Your SMS Number In Skyward:

**NOTE:** Parents who are also SKSD staff members should follow the Staff [SMS Numbers](#) instructions.

- 1 Log in to **Skyward Family Access** (<https://skwyard.skschools.org/>)
- 2 In the upper right corner, click **My Account**
- 3 Just below the Phone box, choose **Cell** from the dropdown menu and type your phone number in the next box

#### Account Settings

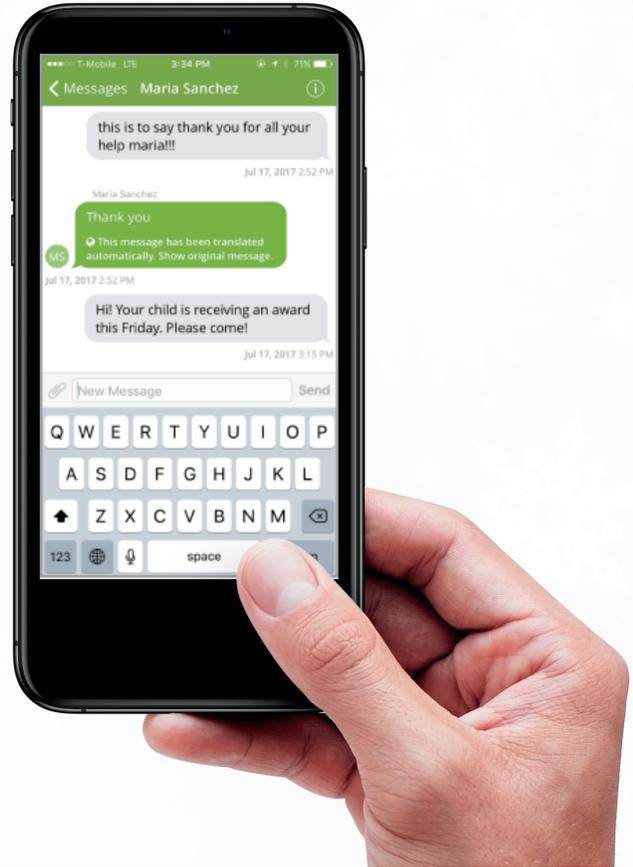
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- 4 Click **Save** button to finish

Updates to cell phone numbers and email addresses may take overnight to process.



## Get Started With ParentSquare in 3 Easy Steps

1. Download the free iOS or Android app.
2. Log in with your email or phone **that you registered with Skyward Family Access.**
3. Start receiving posts relevant to your student(s).



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For additional information about ParentSquare or for help please visit: [www.skschools.org/parentsquare/](http://www.skschools.org/parentsquare/)

### Non-Discrimination Statement

The South Kitsap School District provides equal educational and employment opportunity without regard to race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation – including gender expression or identity, marital status, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. Equal access to activities, facilities and program is provided to the Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups. District procedure complies with all applicable state and federal laws.

The Title IX Officer and Section 504 Coordinator with the responsibility for monitoring, auditing and ensuring compliance with this policy are:

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