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*For Immediate Release*

**Catholic Elementary Schools of the Archdiocese of New York to Close  
Tomorrow Due to Impending Snow Storm**  
*This Will be a Traditional Snow Day with No Remote Learning*

*(February 17, 2021 – New York, NY)* – All Catholic Elementary Schools in the Archdiocese of New York, will be closed tomorrow, Thursday, February 18, due to the expected snow storm. The National Weather Service expects the system to bring accumulations of 5 to as many as 9 inches of snow in some areas, as well as strong winds which will cause hazardous driving conditions throughout the Metropolitan Area. Tomorrow will be a “traditional snow day” with no remote instruction. All Catholic schools have snow days built into their calendars with contingencies for making up instruction time.

**Archdiocese High Schools operate independently, so high school families need to follow instructions from their individual schools.**

“The safety and well-being of our teachers, staff and families are always primary. With the snow expected to begin in the morning, the height of this storm is forecast to coincide with school dismissal when we don’t want buses or parents on the roads,” said Superintendent of Schools Mr. Michael J. Deegan. “All schools in the archdiocese have provisions for ‘traditional snow days’ in their calendars and all class time will be made up.”

“We anticipate that everyone associated with our schools will continue to take all COVID precautions tomorrow. As we always say, the pandemic does not take a snow day or a holiday,” said Mr. Deegan.

***About the Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of New York:***

Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of New York serve nearly 55,000 students from Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade across 172 schools in ten counties and boroughs throughout New York, including Manhattan, the Bronx, Staten Island, Westchester, Putnam, Rockland, Ulster, Sullivan, Orange and Dutchess. Catholic schools offer a unique combination of academic and spiritual development that empowers children of all backgrounds to gain the confidence to realize their fullest potential. To learn more about the Archdiocese of New York's Catholic schools, visit [www.catholicschoolsnyc.org](http://www.catholicschoolsnyc.org) or [www.facebook.com/CatholicSchoolsArchdioceseNewYork](https://www.facebook.com/CatholicSchoolsArchdioceseNewYork).

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