



April 16, 2018

Snow Make Up Days

We have received permission to make up the snow days by calculating academic hours. This is good news for St. Max! The state of Pennsylvania requires 180 days of school or 900 academic hours for grades K to 5 and 990 academic hours for grades 6,7 & 8. It is because St. Max students have longer class periods for all subjects that we can make up hours instead of days.

The snow days were February 7, March 7 and March 14, 2018. One snow day was made up on Wednesday, March 28, 2018. So 178 days represent the number of school days for 2017-18.

To determine if St. Max meets the academic hours requirement, the calculation is done by multiplying the actual number of days in school (178) times the number of academic hours in the school day after excluding homeroom, lunch and recess.

Elementary academic hours - $5.25 \times 178 = 934.5$ (required = 900)

Grades 6, 7 & 8 academic hours - $5.5 \times 178 = 979$ (required = 990)

The elementary grades meet the required hours but the 6,7 & 8 grades need 11 hours to meet the requirement. For these grades to make up the 11 hours, a half hour of academic time will be added each day beginning on **April 17, 2018** and continuing to **May 18, 2018**. The following schedule adjustments will be made:

- Homeroom business will be conducted between 7:50 and 8:00am
- First period class will begin at 8:00am sharp
- Afternoon classes will begin at 12:45pm instead of 1:00pm
- This will add 11.5 academic hours
- Friday, May 25 and Wednesday, June 13 will be scheduled days off

Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Respectfully,
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