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Schools to Dismiss Early Due to Snow, Closures Elsewhere in Darien [UPDATES]

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Darien Public Schools has announced students will get dismissed early on Monday because of the weather, as the National Weather Service predicts 2 to 4 inches of snow by the end of the day.

This article will be continually updated as more information comes in.

Other closures for the entire day or part of the day have also been announced (see below).

Darien Public Schools closing early

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Here's [the announcement](#) on the school district's website:

Due to impending inclement weather conditions, the Darien Public Schools will have an afternoon early dismissal for Monday, February 8, 2016. All after-school activities are cancelled. The following are the dismissal times for all Darien schools:

High School 12:20 p.m.
Hindley, Royle, Tokeneke 1:00 p.m.

Middlesex 12:30 p.m.
Holmes, Ox Ridge 1:25 p.m.

Stamford, Norwalk and New Canaan school districts are also releasing students early, according to [the WFSB-TV website](#).

Other early closures or closures for the day

(Expect ongoing updates here.)

- Darien YMCA has [added this](#) to its weather cancellations list: "All Darien YMCA house and travel basketball practices and soccer clinics are cancelled."
- Darien YMCA announced that Holly Pond School is cancelled. (On the YMCA website it says: "Please continue to check our phone message at (203) 655-8228 for the most up-to-date information."):

Holly Pond School and its related programs are cancelled today due to Darien Public Schools early dismissal (February 8th). There will be no Kids Club.

Other youth programs are on as of now, please check the website for updates.

- Person-to-Person has announced it will close its Darien and Norwalk offices [at noon](#) due to the weather.
- The University of Connecticut Stamford Campus is "operating on a normal schedule" according to the UConn website's ["UConn alerts" Web page](#) as of 8:01 a.m.
- Darien Town Hall is open normal hours, First Selectman Jayme Stevenson [tweeted](#).
- Norwalk Community College has NOT announced any weather changes.
- Five Mile River Nursery School in Rowayton [closes at noon](#).

- Silvermine Arts Center is [closing at 1 p.m.](#) and cancelling all afternoon and evening classes.
- Amtrak earlier stopped service between New Haven and Boston, but [it's been restored](#), with residual delays expected.
- Darien Public Schools parent information sessions on state tests are cancelled for Monday and will instead take place Friday, Feb. 12, according to this announcement on the school district website's [home page](#):
- The Darien High School Parents Association is [postponing its meeting](#) previously scheduled for 9 a.m. Tuesday, according to an announcement on the high school's Web page. No reason given, but perhaps because of snow. "The meeting will be rescheduled after winter break. The new time will be posted here when known."
- Norwalk Community College announced that [it will close](#) the campus at 1 p.m. All scheduled activities after that on Monday are cancelled.

Weather predictions and conditions

The National Weather Service has issued these statements for Darien and the region:

- ["Coastal Flood Advisory"](#) in effect from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. along the western Long Island Sound shoreline. Expect tides 1 to 2.5 feet above normal. According to the advisory:

* COASTAL FLOOD IMPACTS...FLOODING OF THE MOST VULNERABLE SHORE ROADS AND/OR PROPERTIES DUE TO HEIGHT OF STORM TIDE OR WAVE SPLASHOVER. MAJORITY OF ROADS REMAIN PASSABLE. THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT THREAT TO LIFE AND ANY IMPACT ON PROPERTY IS MINIMAL.

A "Winter Weather Advisory" [also was issued](#) by the weather service, cautioning drivers to be prepared for slippery roads and limited visibilities.

Here's the weather service's [Darien-specific forecast](#) for Monday through Friday, as of 6:56 a.m.:

Today

Snow, mainly after 9am. Temperature falling to around 30 by 10am. Wind chill values between 15 and 25. Breezy, with a north wind 13 to 21 mph, with gusts as high as 33 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. Total daytime snow accumulation of 3 to 5 inches possible.

Tonight

Snow, mainly before 7pm, then a slight chance of light snow after 10pm. Low around 24. Wind chill values between 15 and 20. Northeast wind around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%. New snow accumulation of less than one inch possible.

Tuesday

Light snow likely. Cloudy, with a high near 33. Wind chill values between 15 and 25. Northeast wind 8 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%. New snow accumulation of around an inch possible.

Tuesday Night

Light snow. Low around 29. Northeast wind 5 to 7 mph becoming calm after midnight. Chance of precipitation is 80%. New snow accumulation of 1 to 2 inches possible.

Wednesday

Light snow likely. Cloudy, with a high near 37. Light west wind increasing to 6 to 11 mph in the morning. Chance of precipitation is 70%. New snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible.

Wednesday Night

A chance of light snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 26. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

Thursday

A chance of light snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 32. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

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Thursday Night

A chance of light snow before 9pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 18. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Friday

Partly sunny, with a high near 29.