



## Winter Haven Christian School Hurricane Procedures

### **Before the Storm Hits:**

Winter Haven Christian School will be closed in the event of an **approaching** hurricane if the Polk County Schools close. Announcements for Polk County Schools are made via the school board website, television and radio. If Polk County school closes for an approaching storm Winter Haven Christian School will close as well. We will also post information on our website [www.whcsonline.org](http://www.whcsonline.org), and via Sycamore Education and/or School Reach.

### **After the Storm:**

After a hurricane has passed, the principal or designee will visit the school to make a damage assessment. If the following criteria are met Winter Haven Christian School will re-open even if Polk County Schools are still closed:

- Availability of water and electricity
- The functioning of sanitation and air conditioning systems
- The functioning of the fire alarm
- Safety of the building structure and windows

If we have internet access we will post reopening information on our website and via our Facebook pages. In addition, a message will be placed on the schools voicemail letting you know if school is resuming. Teachers will also attempt to call you and let you know. Please remember that most cordless phones do not work during a power outage and sometimes cell phones do not work after a storm as well. It is recommended that you have a corded phone at home during a storm for communication and emergencies. They can be purchased for a small amount at local stores like Wal-Mart.

Depending on the status of our caterer hot lunches may also be put on hold in the immediate days after the storm. We will let you know if the lunches are unavailable as soon as possible.

Upon the reopening of school students will still be expected to arrive at school ontime. If traffic lights are out and/or if road conditions are a hindrance to travel the Principal may at his discretion waive any punitive action for students who are tardy on a case by case basis. However, a student will still be considered tardy if the family overslept. If you are unable to wash school uniforms please speak to Mr. Klein and we will make alternate dress arrangements until the family has water and/or power restored to their home.