

## Barnesville Exempted Village School District Blizzard Bags

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Barnesville Exempted Village School District Board of Education has adopted the Ohio Department of Education's plan for alternative make-up of calamity days in the form of Blizzard Bags. Blizzard Bags contain the schoolwork your child missed as a result of a calamity day, but it will still count as a school day and this day will NOT need to be made up at a later time. This school work needs to be completed by your child and submitted back to your child's teacher(s). *Starting on Monday, February 10, this option can be used for days missed up to a maximum of three days.*

The following guidelines have been established for Barnesville Schools' Blizzard Bag program:

- The amount of work assigned should be equivalent to one day or one class period of instruction for each day missed.
- All Blizzard Bag work will be posted on Progress Book. If the teacher would like for the student to use another method to complete work (Study Island, Moodle, etc.), the instructions will be explained on Progress Book. This provides a common method of receiving assignments throughout the district.
- Students have 2 calendar weeks from the posting date on Progress Book to complete and submit the work. Any student who does not have Internet access will be granted 2 weeks from the first day back to school to complete and submit the work. If the student does not complete the lesson within the time period, the student will receive an incomplete or failing grade unless a reason sufficient to the teacher is provided and approved by the Building Principal. **It is strongly encouraged that your child completes the work at home during the calamity day(s).**
- Class time will not be used to complete Blizzard Bag work. Students who do not have Internet access and need it to complete assignments must make arrangements to use the computer lab before or after school or attend after school tutoring to complete work.

When a Blizzard Bag day is going into effect the following will occur.

- A Parent Broadcast will be used to inform all staff and families that we are closing school for that day, and that it is Blizzard Bag day 1, 2, or 3.
- Teachers will post all Blizzard Bag work on Progress Book by 8:00 a.m.
- Parents can log on to Progress Book after 8:00 a.m. and retrieve their child's assignments for the day. All Progress Book information was given to families at the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year. *If you need this information again, please contact Lynn Spiczenski at extension 3001.*

If you have any questions about Blizzard Bags or the process, please contact the Building Principal.

Also, revised calendars were sent home with all students. *Please be aware that we are now in session on February 17, 2014 and April 21, 2014 due to the amount of calamity days we have had this year.*