## Rockfish Christian Academy

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January 8, 2024

Dear Parents.

Tomorrow is a very difficult day to call with regard to the weather. The forecast from Weather Underground and the National Weather Service indicates rain and wind from 9-12 noon and Strong Storms and Wind from 1 – 6pm. None of that is conductive to RCA maintaining power. LREMC does a great job, but in high winds Rockfish can be near guaranteed to lose power. If we lose power we have no choice but to call parents and have their students picked up. That is the law. Picking up students early is not tenable.

The school districts around us are dismissing early on Tuesday January 9, 2024. In my opinion that over burdens our parents with picking up their children early and then having to find/provide care for them. In addition, if we announce that we are dismissing early many of our students will not attend class and this places an undue burden on our teachers to re-teach topics to students not in attendance on the early release day.

And so, with the safety of our students and families in mind as well as the academic challenges of our teachers associated with an early release I have chosen to close school and pre-school on January 9, 2024. My prayer is that this does not place an undue burden on any of our school families.

In His Service,

Pastor Jim (FIST GERSTAN)

Pastor Jim Klemish, Head of School Rockfish Christian Academy