



In the modern world, schools sometimes need to get information to parents as soon as possible. To facilitate this need, St. John's School has partnered with a rapid communication system called IRIS-Immediate Response Information System. This system will deliver **emergency messages** to parents individually by the communication method(s) of your personal choosing. Should schools need to close early due to weather, for example, this system would notify you by your choice of home phone, cell phone, or email. In addition, schools may use the IRIS system to keep you up to date on important school wide information or changes relating to groups in which your child participates.

All parents/guardians will be entered into the IRIS system. We plan to implement IRIS in January 2008. We will be sending a test message to everyone to check the phone numbers you provide sometime in December of 2007. You will be able to change the information in the system or the way you wish to receive messages so it fits your preferences.

Parents can find out more information about IRIS by viewing their website, www.useiris.com. Contact information is also available on this website should you have questions regarding the system or you can reach them by calling 1-866-270-0120.

IRIS Benefits

1. DELIVERY SPEED

IRIS sends alert messages to thousands of recipients in about 30 seconds with the click of a single mouse. In the event of computer failure, school administrators can reach IRIS toll-free from any telephone or cell phone, or a remote computer.

2. FORMAT AND MESSAGE FLEXIBILITY

IRIS reaches message recipients by all devices at virtually the same time: telephone, cell phone, digital pager, fax, wireless PDA device, email, computer system tray icon, Amber alert & LED signs. Voice and text may be delivered in multiple languages as specified by recipients.

3. RECEIPT VERIFICATION

IRIS automatically verifies message receipt and saves data for a variety of reports. IRIS can identify invalid numbers and reports them to the school to be updated.

4. UNMATCHED SECURITY AND RELIABILITY

IRIS, the only digital, broadband, fail-safe, multi-format, rapid verification and response communication system connected to the world's most reliable Internet communications network. IRIS does not sell any information and has security standards in place that exceed those of credit card companies.

5. HOW IRIS WORKS

IRIS has alert levels that determine which contacts are to be made and in which order, based on the alert level selected by the school. The following are the common alert levels that will be communicated by your school and examples of situations that would determine which alert is selected.

SEVERE
Crisis Situation
Lockdown
Weather Emergencies

ELEVATED
School Closings
Schedule Changes
Urgent Notices

LOW
Announcements
Reminders