

Snow Day Ruminations.....

### **Has school lost its relevance?**

I would like to warn you that I am about to play Devil's advocate. Not trying to offend, but, alas, it may occur. In today's society many take offense when they disagree with an opinion. **SO BE IT!**

Last week we did not have school on Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. The weather forecast was for sleet, snow, and possible ice on the roads. The temperature on Wednesday was 57 (you can look it up). By 4 p.m. most schools had closed for the next day. Well, we got some precipitation, and temps dropped from 57 down to 15. Most of us who drove that day realized conditions were not hazardous. **So why no school?** Businesses were open, movie theaters reaped a huge benefit, and many slept late. Churches saw no benefit.

Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> nearly every KC school was closed again. The temperature began at -3 in the morning and was forecasted to only reach 12 or so. Wind was a factor and wind chills were anywhere from 10-20 below. School was called off again. Huh?? Why ??

My question is this? Has the importance of school lost its significance? Why do schools close so easily and so quickly? Is it part of a union contract or . . . something else? "Better to be safe than sorry" is a phrase I hear often. Students might be outside in freezing cold weather for a few minutes and might catch a cold, or get the flu, or what? Are we getting soft, or are we already there?

Why is it acceptable behavior to drag an infant child out in subzero weather to be placed in a daycare facility, but unacceptable for a teenager to venture out in the same weather? Seems to me there would be more risk to the infant. Oh wait, we need to earn money to sustain our lifestyles. Priorities, after all.

Perhaps we are missing a major point here. Life is tough and the road is long. One must prepare for the elements of obstruction on that road. Bundling up in preparation for frigid conditions is as necessary as developing proper study habits and a proper work ethic. . . **However. . . segue. . .**

The only preparation truly necessary is a dedicated relationship with the Word of God. This is essential for a life in Christ. But this dedication can also be treacherous and hazardous. It might cost us a job or even friends along the way. So, are we preparing ourselves and our children properly for this life and the life to come, or are we taking the easy route and accepting the conventional wisdom of our age as we follow the crowd?

I maintain we have become a society of scared rabbits, sometimes afraid to trust an almighty God who has promised us hope and a future. **(Jeremiah 29:11)** While education and work are important elements for life success, added together they do not equal a relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus. Why? Because, the Bible tells us so.

Prepare lives for today, tomorrow, and ETERNITY. **God is so good.**