

## North Union Local School District 12920 State Route 739 Richwood, OH 43344

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Dear Parents,

This has been a very different type of winter and we still have eight (8) weeks to go. As some of you might know the state currently gives five calamity days a year. After that I am required to submit a make up plan for all days missed past five.

The possible make up days I am looking at are February 14th and 17th as well as March 28th. These dates are not set in stone and I will send out a Honeywell message when I have the exact dates. There is a possibility that the Governor of Ohio could extend our calamity days. This decision could also effect our make up days. The reason to make the aforementioned days regular school days is due to the loss of instruction prior to taking the state assessments. Making these days up will give our students the best opportunity to perform well on these tests.

The second way the Ohio Department of Education allows us to make up calamity days is based on blizzard bags. Our blizzard bags are online instructions from teachers on assignments for students to complete at home. We can make up to three days this way. I will put out a Honeywell message when students need to get online to do a blizzard bags. Students have two weeks from the day the blizzard bag day is called to logon to the website and complete the work or they will receive a zero for those assignments. The students will have to click on the Appropriate teacher's name, remember if your student has more than one teacher, they will have to click on each of their teachers individually and follow the directions posted. Students who do not have access to a computer may get the information in hard copy from their teacher (s) and will have two weeks from when they receive the work to complete the work.

When a blizzard bag day is declared and a Honeywell message is sent out, an announcement containing a link will appear on the North Union Local School District website (www.n-union.k12.oh.us). Students simply click on the link to see a website containing a list of their teachers. Then, they click on each teacher's name to see the lessons for that blizzard bag day. Again, remember if your student has more than one teacher, they will need to click on each of their teachers individually.

This is our first time using the online blizzard bags so please report any technical or online issues you are having to: <u>blizzardbag@nu-district.org</u>. If you experience any issues with the assignments, please contact your student's teacher or school administrator.

Sincerely,

Dr. Rick Smith, Superintendent

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