Questions on Blizzard Bags answered

Huntington – With our first “Blizzard Bag” behind us, a number of questions have arisen and answers are now posted on the Gateway website.

One of the most common questions from parents and students concerned the due date for Blizzard Bag work to be returned. In most instances, students will have 5 school days to complete and return their snow day work. If a student or staff member is absent the day before a snow day—and Blizzard Bag assignments are not handed out beforehand—then students will have a later due date.

Another question asked was, “What if a student doesn’t complete their work?” If a student does not complete their work by the due date, that student is considered absent for that day and the assignment is graded as a zero for that class. For high school students, where period attendance is taken, that absence would count towards the total of allowed absences for the semester, before credit for that course is lost.

Some confusion was also noted about the last day of school, currently scheduled for June 9th. However, if a storm closes school for 2 or more consecutive days, Blizzard Bags will only count for the first day of that storm. Also, if Gateway has more than 5 snow days, the additional days will still be added to the last day in June and extend the school year. For example, if we have a total of 7 snow days this winter, 5 will be covered by Blizzard Bags and 2 will be added to the calendar, making the school year end on June 13.

For answers to these and other questions about Blizzard Bags, go to the Gateway website (www.grsd.org) and click the “Blizzard Bag Info” quicklink on the home page.

If you have any additional questions, please don’t hesitate to email Dr. Hopson (dhopson@grsd.org) and we will add to the list of Frequently Asked Questions!

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