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ST. VINCENT CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN CHATHAM CLOSED TO STUDENTS AND STAFF ON THURSDAY DUE TO ROOF DAMAGE

As a result of today's extremely high winds, the roof at St. Vincent Catholic School has sustained some damage. Members of the Board's maintenance staff have called in a roofing contractor, to undertake an inspection; however, as this work cannot be completed until tomorrow, the building will be closed to all staff and students on Thursday, March 9, 2017.

A further determination regarding the building's occupancy for Friday will be made and communicated to parents once the inspection is completed tomorrow.

Students were dismissed early today due to a prolonged power outage. Power cuts are particularly problematic at St. Vincent, as the school is on a septic system. When the school loses hydro sanitary pumps become inoperable, which means the washrooms are not useable.

"I want to thank parents/guardians, who responded quickly to pick up their children once the decision was made to dismiss early; and to our staff for helping to make multiple phone calls and assisting with the early dismissal," says Dan Parr, Director of Education.

Please visit the Board and school websites at www.st-clair.net for updates.