What is a Commander Snow Day?
Commander Snow Days allow Washington County Schools to provide nontraditional instruction on days when students are not able to attend school due to inclement weather. On the designated Commander Days, students will have instructional packets that provide review opportunities and application of previous learning. Depending on the student’s grade level, the packet may contain lessons from reading, language arts, mathematics, social studies, science, physical education, music, art, or other high school elective classes. Lessons in the packets are supported with online resources but can be completed without access to the Internet.

What are teachers and administrators doing on Commander Snow Days?
All staff will report to school from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Commander Snow Days. Teachers and principals will be in their schools working on instructional programming. They will also be easily accessible via telephone, email, or school visit for any students who need assistance in completing the Commander Snow Day lessons.

Will every snow day be treated as a “Commander” Day?
No, we will not count every snow day as a “Commander” Day. Washington County Schools has been approved to use up to ten Commander Snow Days during the 2015-16 school year.

How will I know which snow day is a “Commander” Day?
Commander Snow Days will be announced during the one-call that is made to let families know that school has been cancelled for the day. Commander Snow Days will also be announced on the district’s Facebook page and the district’s website.

How will students submit their work from the Commander Snow Days?
Students will receive copies of the work packets in a dark blue Commander Snow Day folder. They should return their work to school in that same blue folder on the day they return from the snow break.

What happens if my child misplaces the Commander Snow Day lesson?
Commander Snow Day lessons will be distributed to students at school prior to snow days. The lessons will also be posted to the district’s web page. If a student is unable to complete the lesson packet prior to returning to school, he/she will have additional time to make up the missing work. All Commander Snow Day work will be due on the second day following the return to school. If a student fails to submit the Commander Snow Day work on the final make-up day, that student may be counted as absent for that Commander Day and/or receive a zero for the assignments.