

Campus Update – Tues., 9:55 p.m., Sept. 15

After a relatively quiet day, the ASMS campus is now experiencing heavier wind gusts and rain. Many parts of Mobile have lost power, including our campus, but the campus generator is running, and we only experienced an outage for about a minute. Earlier today, we instructed our students to prepare for potential power outages tonight. We do expect wind gusts and rain to intensify through the night and into the morning.

Ken Robinson and I just completed a round around campus, and our students are in their rooms and hunkering down for the night. We asked them to charge their phones and devices just in case we experience power outages. We have also notified them that several adults will stay up tonight to monitor conditions. I plan to stay up tonight and will be ready to sound the severe weather alarm if needed. Other adults, including the security staff, will also stand watch tonight.

Several years ago, during a different storm, we also did not evacuate the campus. Parents and students were calm during the daylight hours. However, once the sun set and the wind began howling, some students became frightened. This is entirely understandable. **If your student becomes alarmed during the night, one of our Community Life and Compliance Coordinators is on call and can be reached at 251-331-0823 OR 251-0823-0890.** Two full-time staff members are also staying the night on campus, and we will continue making rounds to check on the students.

We have a plan if the weather deteriorates or if flooding occurs. We are safe. Thank you for entrusting us with your students.

I look forward to bright and clear skies soon,

John Hoyle, Ph.D.
President

