

April 2008

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The state of New Jersey is adding four additional immunizations as a REQUIREMENT for school entrance **beginning September 2008**. It is important to note that students who do not comply will not be permitted to attend school until immunizations are obtained.

1. Diphtheria & Tetanus Toxoids & Pertussis Vaccines (Tdap)

Students born after 1/1/97 and entering or attending 6th grade **must have a booster** unless they have a documented proof of TD within the last 5 years.

2. Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (Pneumonia)

Children 12 months to 59 months (5 years) must have one dose on or after their first birthday.

3. Meningococcal Vaccine (Meningitis)

Students born after 1/1/97 entering or attending 6th grade shall receive one dose of vaccine.

4. Influenza Vaccine (Flu)

Children 6 months to 59 months (5 years) and attend child care or **pre-school** after 9/1/08 shall **ANNUALLY** receive 1 dose of influenza vaccine between September 1 and December 31 of each year.

I am aware of problems getting appointments with pediatricians and insurance coverage so I trust you will be able to attend to this during the summer.

If you have any questions about the above requirements, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. (965-2866)

In Christ,

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