

Fall 2008

Dear Parents:

We have recently been notified by the state of Connecticut's Department of Public Health that new immunizations will be required for our students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

Effective in September 2009, for entry into 7<sup>th</sup> grade, additional doses of Tdap, MMR, and varicella will be required.

The Tdap is a booster dose of Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis for adults and adolescents. It is recommended between the ages of 11 and 12 for students who have not already received a booster dose of Td ( Tetanus and Diphtheria) during the previous five years.

The MMR is a second dose of the Measles Mumps and Rubella vaccine and will apply to those who received a second booster dose containing only the Measles portion of the vaccine.

Last, a booster dose of the Varicella vaccine for Chickenpox. Children that have not had Chickenpox disease must have two doses of the Varicella vaccine to enter seventh grade.

Please check with your physician to see if your child has received all the doses required of these vaccines.

If you have any questions or concerns please call one of us, we will be sending out letters of reminder throughout the year.

Thank you,

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