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IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

Requirements for Students Attending Grade Six in 2009 -2010

Dear Parent/Guardian of Fifth Grade Student,

The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services issued new regulations for the immunization of pupils in school. For 6th grade students, schools must now require proof of one dose of the meningococcal conjugate vaccine and one dose of the Tdap vaccine. These requirements affect your child who will be entering the sixth grade.

- 1. Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and pertusis vaccine(Tdap) – Adacel, Bosstrix**
Every child born on or after January 1, 1997, and entering or attending Grade Six, or a comparable age level special education program with an unassigned grade on or after September 1, 2008, shall have received one dose of Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) given no earlier than the 10th birthday. Children entering or attending Grade Six on or after September 1, 2008, who received a Td booster dose less than five years prior to entry or attendance shall not be required to receive a Tdap dose until five years have elapsed from the last DTP/DTaP or Td dose.
- 2. Meningococcal vaccine-Menactra (preferred), Menomune**
Every child born on or after January 1, 1997, and entering or attending Grade Six or a comparable age level special education program with an unassigned grade on or after September 1, 2008, shall have received one dose of a meningococcal containing vaccine, such as the medically-preferred meningococcal conjugate vaccine. (Please note: This applies to students when they turn 11 years of age and attending Grade Six)

Please send in documentation from your physician when your child receives these vaccines. **Failure to comply with these regulations may result in exclusion from school in September.** The health of your child is very important at the Richard Butler School. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Susan Lee, R.N.
School Nurse