

Dear Parents:

I am writing to inform you about the State Health Department requirements for all children **entering Kindergarten, 6th grade or who are new students**. All students must receive a physical exam from a physician and a Health History should be completed by a parent. Please schedule your child's appointment, so that their immunizations can be completed by the start of school in August.

The examination should be completed as soon as possible by a private physician or at a medical clinic. Physicians are also available through a clinic at the County Health Department. For information about clinic locations and scheduled dates call: (812) 435-5997 or (812) 435-5701.

Proof of immunization for polio (OPV), diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTP), and measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) is required for all students. Minimum immunizations required by Indiana Public Law are:

- **5** doses of diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis (DTaP), diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTP), or pediatric diphtheria -tetanus vaccine (DT) (4 doses are acceptable if the 4th dose was administered on or after the 4th birthday and at least 6 months after the 3rd dose).
- **4** doses of any combination of IPV or OPV, but the final dose must be administered on or after the 4th birthday and be administered at least 6 months after the previous dose. 3 doses of Polio are acceptable for all grade levels if the third dose was given on or after the 4th birthday and at least 6 months after the previous dose with only ONE type of vaccine used (all OPV or all IPV)
- **3** doses of Hepatitis B vaccine (3rd dose must be on or after 24 weeks of age). 2 doses of MMR vaccine on or after the first birthday.
- **2** doses of Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine on or after the first birthday separated by age appropriate interval or physician documentation of disease history, including month and year, is proof of immunity for children entering preschool through 10th grade.
- **2** doses of Hepatitis A is required. The minimal interval between 1st and 2nd dose is 6 calendar months.
- **1** dose of tetanus-diphtheria-acellular-pertussis vaccine (Tdap) given on or after 10 years of age.
- **1** dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4).

Required immunizations are available at the Health Department Immunization Clinics. Please call the Health Department at (812)435-5997 for an updated listing of the clinic dates. A parent/guardian must accompany the child to sign consent forms. (Another adult may accompany child but **MUST** have written permission from the parent/guardian to sign immunization consent form.) Bring insurance information, if applicable, as well as previous immunization records to the clinic.

Sincerely,

Kari Ford
Principal, St. Benedict Cathedral School

****The physical examination record and the health history record should be returned to school no later than the first school day in August.**