

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services requires all incoming 6th grade students to have had one dose of Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) and one dose of meningococcal containing vaccine. If your child has had a Td booster within 5 years, he/she will not be required to receive a Tdap until 5 years have elapsed.

*The state also **recommends** that your child have a physical prior to 6th grade entrance. You will find a physical form which also includes space for the documentation of the required immunizations on our website (**Look under Parents, then go to Nurses' office, then go to forms for 6th grade**). This form is for students who **will not** be participating in the school's sports program next year.*

*For students who **will be** participating in the interscholastic sports program next year, a Pre-participation Physical is required by the state for all students in the 6th through 12th grades. The required forms can be downloaded from the school's website (**Look under Parents, then go to Nurses' office, then go to sports physicals at the bottom of the nurse's page**). Or you can contact my office and I will send it home with your child. **No student** will be permitted to participate in sports without the completed mandated forms.*

*Please remember that these immunizations must be **completed by the first day of** school in September or your child will be **excluded** from school. If this is not possible we will need a doctor's note explaining why they did not get it and when the appointment is. If your child receives or received these shots already, please send it the documentation ASAP.*

Please call my office if you have any questions @ 856-905-2665 ext 305 or email us at nurses@strosenj.com

The School Nurse