IMPORTANT NEW IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

Dear Parents,

Starting with the 2010/11 school year:

1) All students entering 6th - 12th grade will need one meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4) vaccine.

2) All students entering 6th - 12th grade will be required on or after the 10th birthday to have one dose of tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis vaccine (Tdap).

3) All students entering 6th- 12th grade will be required to have 2 doses of varicella vaccine, given on or after the first birthday, and separated by age-appropriated intervals as defined by the CDC, or a history of chickenpox disease.

The law in Indiana requires parents of children in grades K through 12 to furnish to the school a record showing proof of the child's immunization history. IC 20-34-4-2.

Through out the rest of the school year the school will send home reminders with a copy of your student's immunizations that are currently on file.

Consult your doctor or County Health Department regarding your child's immunizations needs.
If your child has received additional immunizations, please send in the following:

1) a signed statement by a physician listing each immunization date
2) a copy of clinic, health center or health department records.
3) personal family shot record

and return proof of immunization to the school.

If a medical objection is needed for your child, please have written proof from your health care provider. This also applies to religious beliefs written by you or your place of worship. These two letters are to be submitted annually to the school which your children, or child attends.

Also your student will be bringing home a CHIRP permission slip. Please read , sign and return to the office as soon as possible. Most all students are already on the CHIRP web site. This gives the school permission to update it with the most current immunization dates.

Having immunizations up to date before the start of the next school year will help provide a smooth transition next fall for your student. Your attention to this important matter is greatly appreciated.

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Immunization clinic is held on Tuesdays at the Starke County Health Department. The hours are 10:00 am till 11:30 am and 1:00 pm till 3:30 pm. Call the health department to make an appointment.