

Dear Parent/Guardian of an incoming 6th grade student:

The following two vaccines **ARE REQUIRED** by the NJ Department of Health & Senior Services for students entering 6th grade.

DIPHTHERIA AND TETANUS TOXOIDS DIPHTHERIA AND PERTUSSIS VACCINE

Every child born on or after January 1, 1997 and entering or attending Grade 6, 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. ***Please note: Children who received a Td booster done less than five years prior to 6th Grade entry shall not be required to receive a Tdap until five years elapsed from the last DTP/DTap or Td dose.***

MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINE

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 medical-preferred meningococcal vaccine. ***Please note: This applies to students when the turn 11 years of age and attending Grade Six.***

Please have these vaccinations done prior to the start of school in September. **Your child will not be allowed to start school without these state-mandated vaccines.** Students who have an 11th birthday occurring after September 1 will be given a 2-week grace period to complete this requirement. Please use the bottom portion of this letter to obtain documentation of vaccination by your child's physician.

Sincerely,

Neila Domingo, School Nurse

Student Name: _____

Tdap: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Meningococcal: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Physician Signature: _____

PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL NURSE BY SEPTEMBER 3, 2019