



A Note from the School Nurse

INFORMATION FOR INCOMING (NEW) STUDENTS

IMMUNIZATIONS: Your newly enrolled student needs to meet Minnesota state immunization requirements within 30 days of enrollment. You'll find an immunization form in your packet. Please turn in the form (or any complete record of immunizations) to the nurses' office as soon as possible. Alternately, if you requested a records transfer (including immunizations) from your child's previous school, please check with our nurse to make sure immunization/health records were received. If your child is entering 7th grade, be sure they've had their booster immunizations (usually given, with a physical exam, in the year before entering 7th grade) and that those booster dates are included. *Minnesota law prohibits children from attending any school (public or private) more than 30 days after enrollment without documentation of immunizations.* Exceptions are granted for medical or conscientious reasons; the school nurses can provide you with information on how to receive this exemption if it applies to your child.

HEALTH HISTORY FORM: This form should be completed by your doctor and turned in to us. It is especially important if your child has any underlying health conditions or concerns. Ask the doctor to complete the form if your child has a current physical on record. If a physical is needed, bring this form to that appointment. Many doctor's offices have their own physical forms which are similar; these are acceptable. If you are sending the form in over the summer, allow at least two weeks for completion; doctors' offices get many form requests during the summer months!

HEALTH CONCERNS: *Please notify the nurses' office if your child has any ongoing health concerns* (asthma, diabetes, food or other allergies, frequent illnesses, etc). We will work together to figure out the best way to handle any health needs at school, and to notify teachers and other appropriate support staff (physical ed, kitchen, etc.).

NURSE VISITS: We are here to help your child if s/he becomes ill or is injured during the school day. If your child has a fever (100.0 or greater), is vomiting, or is ill enough to need to go home, we will call you to come pick them up. We will also notify you if your child is seen repeatedly in our office or if we have any concerns about their health. You may get a phone call or note sent home regarding a single office visit that is notable.

Feel free to call us or drop by to discuss any concerns. We look forward to meeting you and your student, and to helping them stay healthy and feeling their best at school.

Thank you, and welcome to Faithful Shepherd! !

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