



Great Meadows Middle School Jaguars



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TO: Parents of 6th grade students
FROM: Mr. Marmolejos, Principal; Mrs. Wilson, School Nurse
DATE: July 11, 2018
RE: Mandatory Vaccines

Dear Parents:

I am writing to inform you of immunization requirements that will impact your child entering the sixth grade in the fall. The Department of Health and Senior Services has adopted the following to begin September 1, 2008:

Students born on or after January 1, 1997 and entering Grade 6 will be required to receive a booster Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) vaccine. This requirement is designed to help reduce the number of outbreaks of pertussis (whooping cough) in previously vaccinated children in the 10-19 year age bracket.

Students born on or after January 1, 1997 and entering Grade 6 will be required to receive one dose of a meningococcal vaccine to reduce the risk of bacterial meningitis.

You will need to provide written documentation of the administration of these vaccines by the first day of school in September for continued attendance in school. The goal of this early notification is to provide you with adequate time in which to accomplish this. If you do not have health insurance or your health insurance does not cover immunizations, you may contact the Warren County Public Health Nurses to arrange for low cost immunizations. The public health nurses are located in Washington and the phone number is 908 689-6000.

The following website will provide you with many answers to the questions you may have regarding these immunizations: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/default.htm>. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at 908 637-4349, ext. 206.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Wilson, BS, RN, CSN

RETURN TO SCHOOL NURSE BY SEPTEMBER 7, 2018

Student Name: _____ Date: _____
Home room: _____ Birth date: _____

This student has received:

Tdap vaccine on: _____ (Month/Day/Year)

The Meningococcal vaccine on : _____ (Month/Day/Year)

MD Signature: _____ Print or Stamp: _____