



CHESTER UNION FREE
SCHOOL DISTRICT
Chester Academy

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FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 7th GRADE beginning SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians,

New Immunization Requirement for all students entering 7th Grade, September 6, 2016

In accordance with NYS Department of Health, Public Health Law 2164, all children entering 7th grade on or after September 1, 2016, are now required to receive a vaccine against meningococcal disease. (Brand names: Menactra or Menveo) Students who receive this vaccine in 6th grade fulfill the 7th grade requirement. Medical documentation must be provided to the Chester Academy's Health Office by the first day of school in September, 2016. Please see your health care provider as soon as possible to ensure your child has all the required immunizations as required by NY State. Immunization clinics can be utilized to obtain this vaccine. The Orange County Health Department can be contacted for assistance at (845) 291-2330. A listing of the clinic dates are enclosed for your convenience.

In addition, all **SEVENTH GRADE STUDENTS** are required by New York State Law to have a physical examination. A copy of the Health Certificate **must** be provided to the Chester Academy's Health Office by September 30, 2016. A physical form is enclosed for your convenience. If your child is scheduled for a physical exam by his/her private health care practitioner, kindly complete and return the enclosed form to the Health Office within the time frame referenced above. We understand that due to insurance coverage you may not be able to schedule your child's physical exam prior to the opening month of school. Please communicate that to the school nurse. If this is not the case, and you wish the school to administer the child's physical examination, please communicate with the school's health office and schedule an appointment for your child in accordance with the Nurse Practitioner's availability. Please complete the back side of the physical form with your authorization for your child to be examined in school by the Nurse Practitioner and return to the health office. A dental examination is also requested, but not required, for students entering seventh grade.

Physical and dental forms can also be downloaded from the Chester Academy's Health Office's web page. We are able to accept physicals dated **from September 7, 2015**.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Denis Petrilak
Principal