

To: Parents/Guardians of Students Entering Eleventh Grade

RE: Physical Examination Requirement

The Department of Health, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, has directed that all children entering school for the first time (kindergarten, first grade, or transferring from out-of-state or out-of-country) shall have a physical examination. Physicals are required again for all students in eleventh grade. This regulation applies to children attending public, private, and parochial schools in Pennsylvania.

This form is sent out at the start of the calendar year for the tenth graders who will have a physical exam before the end of this current school year and over the summer. If your daughter is not due for a Physical Exam until the fall of her junior year, please hold on to the attached form until she goes to her appointment. Kindly note that this form is separate from the requirements set by the Athletic Department.

Furthermore, the PA Department of Health mandates a second dose of the meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV or Men ACWY) for students entering the twelfth grade. Your daughter must receive this vaccine before starting her senior year to avoid the risk of school exclusion. If the dose is administered at age 16 or older, it will fulfill the twelfth-grade vaccine requirement.

Additionally, there is a meningococcal serogroup B vaccine recommended for individuals aged 16-18, this is not the required meningococcal conjugate vaccine required for school attendance in Pennsylvania. I encourage you to discuss the appropriate timing of the required meningococcal conjugate vaccine dose with your healthcare provider prior to the start of her senior year.

Once your daughter has her physical exam and receives the vaccine, please provide a copy of the documentation to me or have your daughter drop it off to my office. You may email health documents to fmcgovern@msjacad.org.

Thank you for your attention to these important health requirements. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,

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