

A Note from the Nurse's Office

Medications:

* The nurse or designated staff member are the only one's to give any required medication to a student during the school day. In order for medication to be given to a student, **a parent and the child's physician must sign consent forms**. This applies to all medicines, even over-the-counter medicines. There is a fax machine in our school nurse's office so forms can be sent and received there to facilitate this requirement. No students may carry or take medication on their own while in school. (In some circumstances, students in the Middle School may self-administer inhalers for asthma but the proper paperwork must be on file in the nurse's office.)

** Any medication ordered for a student should be delivered to the school nurse's office or main office by a parent. **A student should never carry medications to school**. Medications must be brought to school in their original containers with the child's name on them (i.e. pills in ziploc bags are not acceptable).

Illnesses:

** Our school policy states that students should be **free from fever, vomiting, or diarrhea for 24 hours, without any medication, before returning to school** after an illness. The purpose of this policy is to allow a child time to recover adequately from his/her illness and to prevent the spread of illness to other students.

**Students prescribed antibiotics for infectious diseases must be on the antibiotic for a minimum of 24 hours before returning to school.

**A note from a child's doctor is required after an absence of 5 days or more due to illness. It is very helpful when a parent writes a note or calls to inform the nurse when a child is out of school for any length of time due to a contagious illness (strep throat, pediculosis / head lice, conjunctivitis, etc.). This allows us to monitor outbreaks and inform parents as necessary.

Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Thank You,

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