

March 20, 2015

Dear parents of a rising 6th grade student,

Virginia law and Diocesan policy requires that all students receive one booster dose of the **Tdap vaccine prior to sixth grade entry**. This vaccine provides continued protection against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis.

The American Academy of Pediatrics and the CDC have recommended several additional immunizations for all adolescents, which you may consider. These include human papillomavirus (HPV) and meningococcal vaccines.

Parents should schedule an appointment for immunization well in advance of need and submit paperwork to the clinic as soon as the vaccination is completed but, **prior to August 1, 2015**. Vaccinations completed over the summer vacation can be mailed to the school, care of the school clinic. Please do not wait until the last minute; most physicians are very busy in August.

Holy Spirit School and Diocesan policy prohibits any student from being admitted to class in the fall without written documentation of Tdap immunization. If you have any questions please contact me at 703-978-7117 option 3 for the clinic.

I am accepting documentation now.

Your school nurse

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