

NURSE'S NOTES

STUDENT MEDICATION DROP-OFF

Medication may be signed in at the school office on Monday, August 2nd from 7:30am until 1:00pm.
No medications will be accepted on the first day of school.

UPDATED IMMUNIZATION RECORDS

NOTE TO PARENTS OF KINDERGARTNERS, 6th GRADERS, AND NEW STUDENTS

Please have your child's required vaccinations completed and return the updated immunization record to the school office by July 26, 2010.

FIRST AID ROOM POLICY

Because the welfare and safety of the students are our primary concern, St. George Catholic School maintains a First Aid Room staffed by a nurse.

1. Services are limited to the following:

- a. Maintaining health, medication and emergency records; filing of required reports.
- b. Contacting parents in case of student illness.
- c. Treating the ordinary bumps, scrapes and illnesses that are part of daily life.
- d. Administering prescription medications for a serious chronic illness diagnosed by a physician. (If a student takes any medication on a regular basis at home, parents should notify the school nurse.)
- e. Conducting annual hearing, vision and scoliosis screenings.

2. These services are not available in our First Aid Room:

- a. Diagnosing or performing invasive procedures.
- b. Caring for children who become ill at school. We ask that parents call for these students within an hour of being contacted by the nurse. Children should be free of fever, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to school. If seen by a physician for a contagious illness, the student must have a note from the physician stating when the student may return.
- c. Medications cannot be administered on an "as needed" basis.

3. Medication Policy:

Proper procedure for medication will be followed or medication will not be administered. No exceptions will be made.

- a. Students are not allowed to have any medication, prescription or non-prescription, in their possession at any time on the school grounds. Teachers and school administrators have the right to take any medication from the student and contact the parent for appropriate action.
- b. Medication is brought to school by parent or guardian.
- c. A **St. George Catholic School Parental Consent Form for Medication Administration** (available at the school office) must be completed and signed by the parent and the physician for each medication. The physician's portion of the form must include the child's name, diagnosis, name of the medication, time/frequency to be administered at school, dosage and length of time to be administered. This form must accompany the medication. A new physician's order is needed at the beginning of each school year. Verbal phone orders from physicians or parents cannot be accepted.
- d. Prescribed medication must be in an updated container that meets acceptable pharmaceutical standards. The label must include the name of student to be administered medication, name of medication, strength, and amount and time it is to be administered.
- e. Prescribed over-the-counter medications must be brought to the First Aid Room in the original container.
- f. Each child will come to the First Aid Room at the prescribed time to receive medication from the school nurse or approved office personnel. The medication chart will be checked to ensure proper medical administration.
- g. Only a one-month's supply of medication will be accepted and signed in at one time.

PLEASE NOTE: The following medications will not be given in the First Aid Room: antibiotics barbiturates, narcotics, or non-prescription medications including, but not limited to, cough drops, Chap Stick, and Vaseline. If necessary, a parent may administer medication to their child in the school office.

4. Nut Allergy:

Health issues related to this allergy have become a growing concern; therefore, all types of loose nuts are prohibited on the school campus. Food items containing nuts/nut particles/peanut butter are acceptable to be eaten in the cafeteria only. Students eating food items containing nuts will be seated separately along with students bringing bag lunches from home. These students will be directed to wash their hands following lunch.

5. All teachers will receive information on students in their classes with medical problems and explanations regarding these problems (i.e., symptoms, immediate emergency response, etc.)

6. The welfare and safety of your children is our major concern. Please contact the school nurse or school administrator if problems should arise.

7. Teachers may not keep medication for a student in the classroom, nor can a teacher administer medication to a student except on field trips in accordance with the St. George Catholic School medication policy.

Please cooperate with us on the following:

- ▶ Children should be free of fever, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea for 24 hours (without the use of medication, e.g. Tylenol, Advil, Motrin, or an anti-diarrheal medication, that would mask these symptoms), before returning to school.
- ▶ Send a note to the nurse upon the child's return from an illness stating his/her ability to return and the diagnoses of the illness. If seen by a physician for a contagious illness, he/she must have a note from the physician stating when they may return to school.