



Holy Name of Jesus School

"A Middle States Accredited School"

FROM THE NURSE'S DESK

September 2011

To all Parents & Staff, welcome to the 2011/12 school year! I hope that everyone had a happy & healthy summer.

NYS Education law requires that a medical exam be done for all children entering grades Pre-K, K, 2, 4, 7 plus and new or transferring students. Please be sure that a copy of the most recent exam is on file with Holy Name along with a record of all State mandated immunizations.

Parents are often faced with the decision of whether or not to send their child to school. Holy Name of Jesus is responsible for maintaining a healthy environment for all children. Parents are encouraged to consult their own physicians when they have concerns and I am available to answer any questions that may arise. If your child is sent home from school for fever, vomiting or pink eye, he/she may not return to school for a minimum of 24 hours. These guidelines are presented to promote the health of the sick child and the school community.

SOME GUIDELINES TO FOLLOW WHEN DECIDING IF YOU SHOULD SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL

Fever | He/she should not come to school and should remain home 24 hours after the fever has ceased without the use of medication.

Cold & Cough | If your child has a bad cold and cough and/or a persistent runny nose, he/she should remain at home until symptoms subside. Sneezing and coughing will spread a cold very quickly. Colds are most contagious the first three days.

Rash | Please consult your physician if your child has a rash. A doctor's note is required for any rash other than eczema. For example chicken pox, impetigo and 5th disease are rashes that need a doctors note. Specific restrictions regarding rashes differ. I can discuss this with you on an as needed basis.

Vomiting or Diarrhea | Child should remain at home if he/she has been up with these symptoms during the previous day or night and only return one full day after the last episode had stopped.

Chicken Pox | Child should be kept home from the initial onset of chicken pox until all lesions are dry.

Conjunctivitis (pink eye) | Child should stay home if he/she is diagnosed with conjunctivitis until there is no discharge and the eye no longer appears pink. If the child is diagnosed with allergic conjunctivitis (which is not contagious) a doctor's note is required.

Head Lice | If a child has head lice he/she cannot be re-admitted to school until all nits (both viable and non viable) are removed. Contact your doctor for advise on treatment and follow all directions carefully.

Strep | If you are waiting for the results of a strep test do not send your child to school until you have negative results. We advise that children with strep return to school only after they are on medication for 48 hours.

Contagious Diseases | Please notify me if your child has been diagnosed with any of the following diseases: chicken pox, scarlet fever, strep, ringworm, impetigo, conjunctivitis, 5th disease, coxsackie virus or lice.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the nurse's office at 914.949.1223 or by e-mail at racioppo@optonline.net. Thank you, Mrs. Maggie Racioppo, RN, BSN

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