

St. Michael School

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Your child's health and safety are important to us at St. Michael School. Please read the following notice and keep available for your reference throughout the school year.

Please fill out and return the Student Medical Update Form. Inform the health office of any changes in your child's health anytime during the school year.

Medication: All medications should be given at home when possible. Please do not send medication to school with your child. A responsible adult needs to transport all medications to and from school. Any medication (prescription or over-the-counter) to be administered during school hours must be accompanied by a doctor's order and a parental consent in order for the child to receive the medication in school. Copies of these forms may be found in the health office. Medication brought into school must be in the original packaging. Prescription medication must have original pharmacy label.

Illness/Injury: Please do not send your child to school when signs of an illness such as temperature of 100.4 F or greater, persistent cough, vomiting or unknown rashes are present. If your child has a fever, or is dismissed from school with fever, then they should only return to school after they are fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medications (Tylenol, Motrin) for a full 24 hours. If your child is dismissed from school with a fever, then they must remain home the following day to allow for this 24 hour requirement.

Please notify the school if your child contracts any contagious condition such as: strep throat, conjunctivitis (pink eye), scarlet fever, chicken pox, mononucleosis or whooping cough.

Please notify the health office if your child has a significant injury that impacts his or her day at school. If your child is diagnosed with a head injury or concussion, please call the health office to discuss any necessary restrictions and/or accommodations.

Miscellaneous: The frequency of head lice increases in the warm months, due to children playing in close proximity of one another at home, parks or camps. Please remind your child not to share hats, hair accessories, helmets, combs and brushes with other children. Please check your child's hair frequently, and keep long hair secured in a ponytail or braid when possible.

Please do not send cough drops into school with your child. Cough drops may contain medication (which requires a doctor's order) and pose a choking hazard. Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school instead, so they can take frequent sips of water and soothe a dry cough or sore throat.

Water bottles are especially encouraged during warm weather and on gym days. Please label your child's water bottle with his or her name and grade.

Physical Examination Requirements: A physical examination is required for all students entering preschool, entering Kindergarten or upon transferring into St. Michael School. An updated physical exam is also required for grades 3 and 6. Notices will be sent home if a copy of your child's physical exam has not been received.