

Welcome Parents and Students entering 6th grade September 2023!

REQUIRED PROOF OF IMMUNIZATION

We look forward to you and your child joining our middle school community at Cedar Drive in the fall of 2023. To maintain the health and safety within our school district policies and New Jersey State regulations require students entering 6th grade to provide proof of Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids and Pertussis vaccine (Tdap) and Meningococcal vaccine. Documentation is **REQUIRED BY THE NEW JERSEY STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO BE IN PLACE PRIOR TO THE START OF 6TH GRADE. In the event immunizations are not received a note from your medical provider's office of a scheduled appointment for the above-mentioned immunizations will be required with follow up documentation.** This will briefly maintain compliance with the NJ Dept. of Health until updated immunization records are received. Non-compliance can result in delay of sport physical approval, possible fines, and/or removal from school until compliant. For more information on The New Jersey Department of Health and vaccination requirements go to: http://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/vaccine_qa.pdf.

MEDICATION

Students requiring daily or emergency medications **MUST** have medication brought in by a parent or guardian along with physician and parental consent. Medication must be in the original box with a prescription label or over the counter container/box.

Students are not permitted to carry medication while in school

- with the exception of Emergency Medications** (Epi-Pen/AuviQ or Asthma Inhaler) WITH PLANS ON FILE IN THE HEALTH OFFICE FOR THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR
- Students carrying their own emergency medication (ie Epi-Pen or asthma inhaler) **MUST** have Action Plans of Care signed by parent and physician on file in the CDMS Health Office for the current academic school year. Forms are available on the nurse's page under Cedar Drive Middle School – Our School – Health Office - Health Office Forms
- Medication **CANNOT** be administered during school hours **WITHOUT** a medical care providers order including office stamp, signature **AND** parent/guardian signature.

SCHOOL SPORTS

School sports are offered at Cedar Drive Middle School to students in grades 6 - 7- 8. Participation in school sports requires a complete physical exam prior to participation. The only accepted NJ forms can be downloaded from the CDMS health office page along with guidelines and explanation of forms. All forms must be received and reviewed by the school nurse and or school physician **BEFORE** a student can participate in school sports. Physicals are good for 365 days. Physicals on file in the health office from the previous school year at CDMS do not need to be resubmitted. **Additional forms ARE REQUIRED for EACH SPORT and EACH SEASON throughout the school year.** See guidelines for sport physicals on CDMS health office page for other forms to be submitted.

HELPFUL HINTS

- **REVIEW and UPDATE EMERGENCY INFORMATION and CONTACTS IN GENESIS IS ENCOURAGED IN PREPARATION FOR THE NEW SCHOOL AND UPDATE AS NEEDED THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR**
- **MAKE APPOINTMENTS EARLY** and have your medical care provider fill out forms during summer pediatrician visits in preparation for fall sports ~ Offices are busy late August and early September and may require additional time to process forms
- Fall sport participation and / or tryouts generally begin the first full week of school in September for cleared students
- Documents will be due mid-August for review for FALL sports only please

Always **keep a copy for your own records** in preparation for middle school years and moving forward to high school
The website is updated regularly, so please use this as a reference throughout the year

Thank you in advance for your continued assistance to care for your children. Please email me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Terri Heyer RN