

2010-2011 School Year

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The New York State Education Law requires that every child in grades K, 2, 4, 7, 10, all new entrants and those participating in sports are required to have a health examination. The examination must not have been done more than 12 months prior to the start of the school year and must be completed and signed by the examining physician. Once complete, please return to the school as soon as possible.

New York State Public Health Law Section 2164 requires Immunizations be up-to-date for school entrance/attendance. Please check with your child's physician if they are entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall, as the NYS Department of Health now requires an immunization containing tetanus toxoids, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap). If your child has a medical or religious exemption, these exemptions **must** be on file for school entrance/attendance.

Also, parents of children participating in sports must fill out an *Interval Health History for Sports Participation* at the beginning of **each** sport season. This will allow us to ensure that any health problems that may have occurred since their last physical are identified and considered. Our *Health Appraisal Form* now has a section for Sports, there will no longer be two separate forms (Health Report and Athletic Medical). Lastly, all Pre-school children are required to have a health examination with age appropriate immunizations on file, this must include a Lead level. All forms can be found on the Dutchess Day School website.

Lastly, we strongly encourage any student that needs emergency medication (i.e. Inhaler, Epi-pen) have their physicians mark off that the child is self-directed. As noted in the handbook, the school nurse is available from 10:30-1:30 daily. A child that is listed as self-directed allows for non-licensed personnel to assist them if needed, in school and on field trips. Should you have any questions, please contact the school and we will be more than happy to assist you.

Sincerely,