



## *Our Shepherd Ev. Lutheran School*

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of getting your child vaccinated before they return to school this fall. The State of Ohio law mandates certain immunizations be obtained **before entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade**. Vaccines are the best way you can protect your child from a number of serious diseases.

**If you have not already done so, please make sure to schedule an appointment early in the summer with your child's healthcare provider for the following Meningococcal and Tdap vaccinations:**

- Meningococcal – Protects against some of the bacteria that cause meningococcal disease and meningitis. While not very common, this is a very serious illness and death can occur in as little as 48 hours. Your child will need a booster shot at age 16 to continue providing protection in the late teens/early 20's.
- Tdap – Provides continuous protection against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough.) This vaccine keeps preteens healthy and prevents spread of pertussis to babies who are too young to be protected by vaccination.

You might also talk with your child's healthcare provider about further protecting them with a flu vaccine in the fall and about a series of HPV vaccinations, which protects against the infections that can cause HPV cancer.

**\*\*\*The school will need a copy from your healthcare provider stating the Meningococcal and Tdap immunizations and date. School Fax # 440-358-1149**

Please have a safe and healthy summer. We look forward to the upcoming 2024-2025 school year.

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