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# ARCHBISHOP DAMIANO SCHOOL

*Making a difference in the lives of our students*

## SCHOOL HEALTH INFORMATION

### STUDENT ABSENCES

Parents are asked to notify the school nurse at 848-4700 (ext. 1180 for SJOG building or ext. 1147, 1154, or 1145 for ADS building) by 8:45 AM when your child is not going to be attending school due to illness or other reasons.

**A note from the physician stating diagnosis, treatment and readiness to return to school is required if the student is absent:**

- 1) **for five school days in a row;**
- 2) **due to a contagious illness** (i.e., chicken pox, scarlet fever, conjunctivitis, impetigo);
- 3) **due to injury such as a broken bone.** In such circumstances, the physician needs to list all restrictions (i.e., no gym, physical therapy, weight bearing);
- 4) **due to hospitalization** (see further instruction attached).
- 5) **due to a rash** (i.e., impetigo); In order to return to school, the doctor's note must state that the rash is non-contagious.

**Parents are required to keep their child home when they have the following:**

- **vomiting or diarrhea (until free from symptoms for 24 hours without medication);**
- **fever (greater than normal, 98.6 degrees, until fever free for 24 hours without medication);**
- **communicable illness such as chicken pox, mononucleosis, pertussis, pink eye, strep, eye drainage, mumps, measles (a note from physician will be required to return to school);**
- **a cold virus with a productive excessive cough and/or profuse nasal drainage;**
- **an undiagnosed rash;**
- **any test requiring IV sedation. The child must be kept home the day after test completion.**
- **If an antibiotic is ordered, please complete a 24 hour administration of medicine before returning to school.**

### ILLNESS OR INJURY

During school hours, nursing care is limited to first aid, prescribed medications and procedures. If your child becomes ill or injured at school, you will be notified and you or someone from your emergency contact list will have to pick up the child from school. In case of an emergency, "911" services will be accessed and the student will be transported to the nearest hospital.

**MEDICATION**

Medications must be in a properly labeled container from the pharmacy stating the student’s name, medication, dosage and time to be taken.

A signed written physician’s order must accompany any medication including over the counter medication. A signed physician’s order will be required for any dose or time of administration changes.

Your signed permission to give the medication must also be given for each medication order.

Orders received are acceptable for the current school year only and must be renewed for each new school year. The school year, per NJ State Regulations, now runs from **July 1, 2021** through **June 30, 2022**.

Faxed medication orders may be accepted when medically necessary for a change of medication orders.

Medication should be transported to school by the parent, guardian, or responsible adult and given directly to the nurse. Controlled medications such as Ritalin, should have a note stating the number or quantity of medication being sent in for safety issues. Any medication taken at home should also be included on emergency forms.

\*If your child requires medication at a different time on early dismissal days, a separate medication form must be signed by the physician and the parent.

**HOSPITALIZATION**

When a student is hospitalized, the school nurse requires a discharge summary from the hospital and a doctor’s note readmitting the child to school. A surgical procedure may require a change with physical therapy prescription and or limitations allowed. **The doctor’s note must specify any restrictions, special diets or new prescriptions following a hospitalization. Medication administered at school (eg., Tylenol, nebulizers, seizure medication, and blood pressure) requires a doctor’s note if there has been a change. This information must be provided to the school nurse at least 24 hours in advance of the child returning to school.**

If additional information is required to insure your child’s safety, the principal in consultation with the nurse may delay your child’s return until all necessary information is secured.