Hello Percy Julian Families!

The 2019-2020 school year is quickly upon us. In order to have a productive and enjoyable school year we must work together to keep our students safe and healthy. I wanted to send out the following information to help us achieve this together:

* If your child has any special health care needs and/or you anticipate a need for **medications at school** please be sure to have a “Prescription Authorization Form” completed. All medications, including over the counter medications, require this form to be completed by a physician and signed by both physician and parent. Some orders may also require a completed action plan. Please contact me as soon as possible to be sure the proper forms are completed. All health forms are available on our district website.
* **All students entering 6th grade or new to the State of Illinois (for 7th and 8th grade) are required to have a completed “Certificate of Child Health Examination”** (with proof of required immunizations) on file at school. Students entering 6th Grade must have proof of current vaccinations (Tdap, Meningococcal, 2 Varicella, and 3 Hepatitis B vaccinations) and a physical exam. The exam must be dated on or after August 28, 2018. Students who do not have this examination submitted by October 15, 2019 will be excluded from school until they are in compliance. REMINDER: Parents must complete and sign the “health history” section before submitting health examination form to the health office.
* Regular and consistent attendance is imperative for your child to succeed in school. However, **do not send your child to school with any of the following symptoms**:
	+ **A temperature of 100 degrees or higher** (must be fever free for 24 hours without medication before returning to school)
	+ **Vomiting or diarrhea** (must be free of vomiting/diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to school)
	+ Rashes or any scratching for unknown reasons
	+ Red and itchy eyes with drainage
* If your child is complaining of not feeling well but has no definite symptoms, send him or her to school. I will call you if something more develops. REMINDER: Handwashing is the first line of defense for keeping our students and staff healthy. Encourage frequent hand washing at home and at school.
* If your child has overslept, bring your child to school. “Better late than never”.
* **Nuts and nut products are NOT allowed in any classroom**. This includes products that are labeled *“processed in a facility that shares equipment with nut products”*. Do not send nuts or nut products as a snack for your child to eat. In addition, there is **NO food sharing between students allowed** at any time during school.

**It is extremely important that I am made aware of any and all health concerns that your child may have**. If this information was not given during registration please contact me at jwampler@op97.org as soon as possible. Remember to continually update me on changes in your child’s health.

Please know that as your school nurse, I am here to help. I will always make decisions based on what is best and safest for your child and all of the students at Julian. Feel free to contact me at any time if you have questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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