

## School Nurse

### Smyrna Middle School

Dear Parents or Guardians,

On behalf of our nursing team at Smyrna Middle School, we welcome you to the new school year! Please know that the safety of your student is and will remain our top priority. As your school nurses, we want to remind you of the importance of getting your students vaccinated and current on their vaccines before they return back to school. Vaccines are the best way you can protect your student from a number of serious infections, especially during this time. We are looking forward to a productive partnership with our families and students to ensure safety and academic achievement.

**Medications:** State Board of Education policy requires a note for the administration of medication by the school nurse. Only a school nurse is permitted to administer medication during school hours. Medications prescribed by a doctor must be sent in the original container with proper labeling. In addition, controlled medication must be brought in by an adult and handed to the nurse with the exact count of pills in the container.

**Emergency Card:** Emergency/Treatment cards will be provided to you. Please return the completed Delaware Emergency Treatment Card the first week of school. One purpose of this form is to assist the nurse in reaching parents/guardians should a medical emergency arise. During the course of the school year, should this information change, please notify the main office so we can update your student's card.

**Guidelines for Early Dismissal for School:** All students, when ill, must come to the Nurse's Office and be assessed by the school nurse prior to a parent being called to pick up a student. The phone call must be initiated by the school nurse or the absence will be considered unexcused or parent excused.

**Screenings:** Vision and hearing screenings are performed for all 7<sup>th</sup> grade students, and as requested by parent/guardian or teacher for any other students. Scoliosis screening is done for all students in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. The school nurse will send a referral letter home if additional follow up is recommended

We feel privileged to be part of this school family. We thank you for your support and look forward to serving you this school year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at the 302-653-8823.

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