

## REMINDERS FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL NURSE'S OFFICE

-Everyone enrolled in school is required by state law to attend regularly. Every student must turn in an excuse to the school office explaining any absence, written by the parent, guardian or physician, within three days of returning to school. Senior students with excessive unexcused absences will be excluded from attending various school functions such as the prom and the graduation ceremony. Underclassmen students who may be prom dates must also abide by the prom attendance rules. Please see your child's handbook for specific information regarding this new policy.

-Remember, if you receive a call from the attendance office and you cannot take the call, you must return the call within 24 hours so that your child is not listed as truant.

**Truancy is a violation of state law and carries a fine of \$300.00 from the local magistrate.** The attendance office telephone number is: 296-1852.

-If a student is absent more than ten days in one school year, parents may receive an "Excessive Absence Letter". All excuses after that must be accompanied by a doctor's note.

-A student, regardless of age, may not leave school during the day for an illness unless excused by the nurse. The nurse must receive permission from a parent, legal guardian, or emergency contact person prior to dismissal.

-No medications, including over-the-counter medications, may be taken in school by any student, regardless of age, unless **an order from your primary care provider plus signed parent permission** is received by the nurse. Asthma inhalers and epi-pens are the only medications that may be carried with the student, but only with written doctor's order and parent permission. Forms are available on the district website or in the nurse's office.

## SCHOOL PHYSICALS

-Pennsylvania school law requires that all eleventh grade students receive a physical examination. Exams, including sports physicals, completed one year prior to the beginning of the junior year or those done during the junior year will be accepted.

-Students may either have a physical completed privately or they may receive a physical from the school physician. The school exam, which is free of charge, is offered in the spring and is completed in the 11/12 nurse's office. Students, who fail to complete the required medical examination either privately or by the school physician, will not be admitted to school the following school year.

**-ATTENTION:** If a student receives an examination for any other activity, a copy of this exam given to the school nurse will also fulfill the physical requirements for junior students as long as the document states that the student is cleared for school/ physical education activities.

### **-IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:**

**9/10 NURSE:** 409-2012      **9/10 ATTENDANCE OFFICE :** 409-2025

**11/12 NURSE:** 296-1860      **11/12 ATTENDANCE OFFICE :** 296-1852

