



WALLINGFORD-SWARTHMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT

## STRATH HAVEN MIDDLE SCHOOL

200 SOUTH PROVIDENCE ROAD, WALLINGFORD, PA 19086-6334  
(610) 892-3470 • fax (610) 892-3492

June 2020

Welcome to Parents/Guardians of in-coming Sixth-Grade Students:

In anticipation of your child attending Strath Haven Middle School in the fall, attached is the **PHYSICAL exam form**. Pennsylvania regulations require all students in grades K, 6, and 11 to have a physical examination.

The form must be filled out by your family physician and returned to school by September 2020. You are urged to take your child to your own physician for examination to provide continuity of care. Your family physician is familiar with your child and is better able to detect any physical changes. Also, your family physician is able to follow through with needed immunizations.

As a reminder, please note the immunization requirements that must be met for the start of the school year: Students must have **four polio vaccines (the fourth dose on or after the fourth birthday and at least six months after the previous dose given)**. This fourth dose is not necessary if the third dose was given at age four years or older and at least six months after the previous dose. **This requirement must be met within the first five days of school or continued admittance to school will not be allowed.**

State regulations require a dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap) and a dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine **for all seventh graders before they may attend school** in the fall. Since you will be seeing your child's physician for their sixth-grade exam, it would be good to review with the doctor whether it would be appropriate at this time to have these vaccines. If your child has already had these two immunizations, the doctor will provide that information on the physical form.

Your cooperation is respectfully requested in regard to the health program in the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District. Your child's completed physical exam can be e-mail to be me at [sschmidt-gillespie@wssd.org](mailto:sschmidt-gillespie@wssd.org)

Sincerely,

*Susan Schmidt-Gillespie*

Susan Schmidt-Gillespie, RN, BSN, CSN  
School Nurse