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Welcome from the Nurse's Office!

Your child's health and safety are very important to the entire CASA community. COVID-19 has brought physical safety to the forefront. If your child or anyone else in the household is diagnosed with COVID-19 or another infectious disease, please inform me immediately. I will keep individual names anonymous but this information is necessary for us to maintain school safety. Also, if your child received(s) a COVID-19 vaccine, please send in a copy of the vaccination confirmation.

This year, under the direction of our school physician, we have standing order medications. You **MUST** complete and return the CASA Health Update and Annual Standing Order Medication Authorization for your child to receive any standing order medicines. The health information that you provide helps us provide appropriate care.

**If your child needs prescription medicine, regular use of over-the-counter medicine, or any over-the-counter medications not covered by the standing orders, a medication form must be completed and submitted to the nurse's office for each new school year.**

Pennsylvania requires a physical examination for all 11<sup>th</sup> grade students. Paperwork may be completed based on private examinations done within one year before entry into 11<sup>th</sup> grade. 10<sup>th</sup> grade students may have the form completed during a physical examination during their 10<sup>th</sup> grade school year. If your child plans to get a driver's permit, a physical examination is required on PennDOT's form. Your child's provider can complete both forms during the same visit. If insurance coverage is an issue, please contact me for assistance. **If your 11<sup>th</sup> grader has not had a physical examination, please make an appointment as soon as possible and have the physical form completed and returned to school before December 1, 2021.** The State of Pennsylvania requires a **meningitis vaccine** after age 16 **BEFORE THE START** of the school year for **all 12<sup>th</sup> grade students**; these are usually given during the 11th grade physical.

If your child is not feeling well at school, they are required to visit the nurse. If your child calls you directly, please remind them to visit the nurse and you will be contacted as needed or per your request. Students will not be allowed to be dismissed from school for illnesses without first visiting the nurse's office for an assessment of their symptoms.

Thank you for your assistance in fulfilling these immunization and physical requirements, and keeping me updated with any health concerns. The CASA Student Health Update and Standing Order Medication Authorization form is included. Please complete and return it to school, either electronically or with your child on the first day of school. The Physician Medication Order Form, Physical Exam Form, and CASA Student Health Update Forms are located on the Parents/Students page of the CASA website ([www.casa-arts.org](http://www.casa-arts.org)).

Please contact me with any questions. Together, we can create a safe and healthy community where all students can fulfill our motto of "Create Yourself!"

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