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## Welcome to the New School Year 2023- 2024

Hello Parents and Guardians,

We hope everyone is enjoying the last few days of summer. The new school year is here and Vanica and I are looking forward to working with you and your children to make this an enjoyable, healthy and successful school year!

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some important immunization requirements.

- The Meningococcal and Tdap vaccines are required for all students who are 11 years of age or older.
- Children less than sixty (60) months old are required to have an Influenza vaccine. We highly recommend all students to have an Influenza vaccination due to the medically complex and medically fragile population here at the Matheny School.

Additionally, all students must have an updated annual physical from their primary physician submitted to the health office each year. If your child receives medication, is prescribed PRN medication, has an asthma, anaphylaxis or seizure action plan, enteral feedings or treatment plan during the school day, the prescriptions need to be updated at the start of each school year for administration by the school nurse during the school day. Nursing cannot administer medications, enteral feedings or treatments without a doctor's orders. The therapist (PT, OT, and ST) will also need new orders for the new school year. If you have not already forwarded updated prescriptions, please contact your doctor as soon as possible and forward to the school nurses.

If your child is not feeling well, **please call the school nurses** and **do not** send your child to school. Symptoms include, but are not limited to:

- Temperature of 100 degrees F or greater
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- cold symptoms
- unidentified rashes and or any altered health concerns

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance. We look forward to meeting you at **Back to School Night on Wednesday October 3rd, 2023**. Feel free to contact us with all questions and concerns.

Sincerely,

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