

Talk Mail to Parents of Grade 7 and 9 students

Date: October 3, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This is to inform you of the upcoming Immunization Campaign targeting **Grade 7 and 9 students** for the school year 2016-2017.

The best way to protect against whooping cough is through immunization. All students in grade 7 will receive a Tetanus-Diphtheria-whooping cough vaccine at school.

All **Grade 7 GIRLS** are eligible for **HPV vaccine**, which will protect them against Human Papillomavirus. **HPV has been found to be present in 99.7% of cervical cancers.** This vaccine will be given at school in two doses six months apart.

All grade 9 students

are eligible for a vaccine against meningococcal infection. This vaccine offers protection against four types of meningococcal disease: A, C, Y and W-135.

And

are eligible for the second dose Varicella vaccine that protects against chickenpox:

- If they were born in **2000 or later**
- If they had only one dose of chicken pox vaccine in the past.
- If they have not had the chicken pox disease after one year of age

***Note:** If this is their first dose of Varicella vaccine and they have had no chickenpox disease, please call Public Health to make an appointment for the second dose in 3 months time*

You will be receiving two pamphlets shortly that will include the consent forms for your child.

Please complete **both sections of the 2 consent forms** and **return** to your child's homeroom teacher by **October 7, 2016**. Return the completed consent form to the school even if you choose not to have your child immunized.

The immunization clinic will be held at **Blackville School** on **October 17, 2016**.