

# St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School School Health Office

Summer, 2008

STA Parents/Guardians,

Attached are several sheets of information from the Arizona Department of Health Services regarding the Immunization Rule Changes for 2008 – 2009. Please read carefully, and discuss with your pediatrician or health clinic as appropriate.

Synopsis:

1. Tdap (Tetanus diphtheria and pertussis) vaccine for students at least 11 years of age and when 5 years have passed since the last tetanus/diphtheria vaccine. Required for the 2008 – 2009 school year for students entering the 6th grade.
2. Meningococcal vaccine (MV) requirement will go into effect September, 2008. See attached implementation schedule. MV will be required for students entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
3. During 2008 – 2009, varicella (chicken pox) vaccination is required for grades K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, and 8 unless the student has had chicken pox disease. If a student has a history of having chicken pox, there is a form the parent must fill out in the Health Office.

In order to be Arizona State compliant by September 1, please mail, drop off, or fax any updated immunization records as soon as possible. Fax (602) 381-3256.

If you have any question regarding the Arizona School Immunization Law contact your physician, or [www.azdhs.gov](http://www.azdhs.gov) website. The attached information will also be posted on our website <http://school.mylordandmygod.org/main.asp>.