

Hello, Tell City Marksmen!!

Welcome back to the 2020-2021 school year! For those of you that do not know me, I am the head nurse for the Tell City-Troy Township School Corporation and the full-time elementary school nurse here at WTE. I have been a nurse for 14 years, and I have been with Tell City School Corporation since April 2017. I have experience in all different areas of nursing. I have two boys who also attend Tell City. Nolan Gebhard is 13 and going into the 8th grade, and Nathan Gebhard is 10, and he will be going into the 5th grade. I know it has been an uneventful year so far, but I am eager and excited to start this new school year, and to be able to work with all of you and your children.

I know many of you understandably might have a lot of questions and concerns regarding COVID-19 and how this will impact our school this year. I strongly encourage all of you to visit our school website at https://www.tellcity.k12.in.us/school_home.aspx?schoolid=1 to familiarize yourself with all of the COVID information that has been provided, including our new COVID policy. You will find all of this information located under the TCTTSC COVID INFORMATION tab in the top right-hand corner of the website.

Although no one knows what this school year will bring, what I do know is that parents, teachers, or any other adult involved, help set the tone for our children. The attitude we choose to display in front of them will help influence them, and the way they react to this unexpected school year. So, please, let's all try to **BE POSITIVE** together for our children and set them up to have a **SUCCESSFUL** and **FUN** school year.

Please know that keeping your children healthy and safe is very important to all of us at William Tell Elementary and be assured that we are taking every measure to do just that. We want you to know that we are always here for you and your family, so don't ever hesitate to reach out to us.

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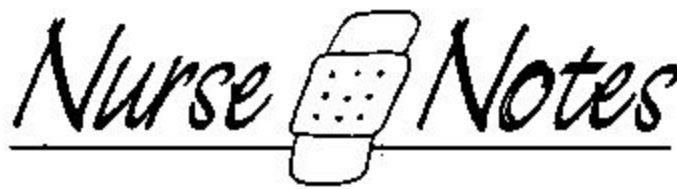
Nurse Notes

A few reminders as we start this school year:

- All students are required to have an updated immunization record on file and documented in order to start and remain in school.
- Make a point to talk with the school, the teachers and nurse about any medical condition/health concern you may have including your child.
- Reminder to bring new and updated medical orders from your child's physician for any treatment and prescription medications that are to be done here at school. All medications must be brought in their original containers and a medication form must be completed by a parent or guardian.
- Allergy and asthma medications, rescue inhalers, and Epi-Pens are a necessity, and may save a life! These medications also require an updated order every year. There are samples of different asthma health care plans in the nursing office and on our website. Please feel free to print one off of our website, stop by and pick one up in the front office, or let me know and I can send one home with your child.
- If your child has a health condition or needs special care while at school, for example, medications, treatments, or monitoring, please inform the school nurse or office. Individual health care plans help keep your child safe, protected and healthy.
- PLEASE have a current and working phone number of a parent or guardian in the school office daily in the event your child needs your attention.
- Keep in mind that students needing school physicals will also need to be getting those completed and turned in. You can access a physical form on the TCJSHS website and under forms is where you will find the physical forms.
- Please remember that breakfast is the most important meal of the day and a great way to get your child's school day started.
- If your child needs any type of mouth care during school hours please have them bring a note from their physician. All students brushing their teeth at school will need to do this in their classrooms.
- All students will now be bringing a nurse pass with them before coming to the nurse (other than emergencies, daily medications, and chronic health care needs). This will help cut down on the traffic in the nurse's office throughout the day. The nurse note will then go home with your child at the end of the day to help keep you informed on when and why your child visits the nurse and also the comments and actions that were taken.
- We will no longer be texting parents due to confidentiality reasons and instead, we will communicate through email and by phone. Please know that my office doors are always open to you and that I'm always available for you and your child.
- Help your child create a daily schedule: Waking up, eating breakfast, arriving at school on time, doing homework, enjoying free time, having dinner with the family, bathing, brushing their teeth, and packing up for the next day; and post a daily chore list on the fridge as a reminder. *Encourage them to be active, eat healthy, drink water & to be kind.*
- Due to COVID-19, nebulizers & in-halers without a chamber cannot be administered in school right now. Speak with your child's pediatrician to obtain the proper equipment & to update their Asthma Action Plan.

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MINIMUM IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ENTRY 2020-2021

6th Grade

- 1 Tdap (Tetanus & Pertussis)
- 1 MCV4 (Meningococcal)

12th Grade

- * 2nd MCV4 (Meningococcal)

State law requires that all children enrolled in a school corporation be immunized (and updated as needed) against certain diseases:

- 3 doses of Hepatitis B – 3rd dose must be given on or after 24 weeks of age and no earlier than 16 weeks after the 1st dose.
- 5 doses of Dtap (tetanus/pertussis/diphtheria) - 4 doses are acceptable if the 4th dose is on or after the 4th birthday and at least 6 months after the 3rd dose.
- 4 doses of Polio (IPV or OPV)
- 2 doses of MMR (Measles/Mumps/Rubella)
- 2 doses of Varicella (Chickenpox)
- 1 dose of Tdap (Tetanus and Pertussis)- Before entering the 6th grade.
- 1 dose of MCV4 (Meningococcal) - 2 doses for all Seniors.
- 2 doses of Hepatitis A- Given at least 6 months apart. Requirement for students **K-12**
- **Recommended immunizations:** Annual Influenza (all ages), 2/3 HPV (Human Papillomavirus) (Grades 6th-12th), and 2 MenB (Meningococcal), (Grade 12).

If your child has insurance coverage, then you ***must*** contact your child's physician, Perry County Memorial Hospitals Immunization Department at 1-812-547-0128, or Perry County Health Department (PCHD) at 1-812-547-2746. If your child does not have insurance or their insurance does not cover immunizations, please contact PCHD to see when their immunization clinics are. PCHD also provides vaccinations for children with certain types of insurance by appointment only.

Please notify your School Nurse when immunizations are complete.

http://www.state.in.us/isdh/files/2020-2021%20Immunization%20Req%20with%20HepA%20all%20grades_%20ENGLISH.pdf

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