

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL 7th GRADE PARENTS

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services recently revised the Immunization Requirements for School Children, specifically for **current 7th graders**. Effective with the 2010 – 2011 school year the following **new** requirement was implemented:

- **For all incoming 8th grade students**, Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) vaccine will be required if the student has not received a Td booster since August 1, 2009. Effective with the 2011-2012 school year, this will also be a requirement for **all incoming 9th grade students**.

If your child has had a recent Tdap vaccine, please bring proof of the immunization to the Smithton Nurse's Office or have your physician FAX it to 214-3261.

If your child has not received this vaccine, the immunization needs to be **completed before** they can pick up their Jr. High schedule in August 2011. Tdap immunizations are available from:

- Local Physicians
- Columbia-Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services, 1005 W. Worley, no appointment necessary; Monday - Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm, \$15 fee.

Feel free to call the Smithton Nurse's Office, 214-3266, if you would like the last documented DTaP date we have on record for your student.