

MARIAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has new immunization requirements (28 Pa. Code, Chapter 23). The change in immunizations will affect high school students by **requiring a dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV) for entry into 12th grade at any public, private, parochial or non-public school** in this commonwealth, including vocational schools, intermediate units, special education and home education programs, cyber and charter schools, or, in an ungraded class, for students in the school year that the student is 18 years of age, if the child has not received a previous dose on or after the child's 16th birthday. A dose of MCV received at 16 years of age or older shall count as the 12th grade dose.

Parents and guardians are asked to please contact their physician to obtain this information or schedule an appointment. Proof of the above immunizations should be sent to the school nurse. **Any child not meeting the above state requirements for the current school year will be excluded from attendance on the first day of school according to Pennsylvania law, so please don't wait to submit the required proof.**

We recommend that the immunization should be provided to the school by August 1st.

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