

**PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS. SIXTH GRADERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS.** Seventh and eighth graders must submit a new sports physical form each school year in order to attend practices and compete. The sports physical is good for all sports for the entire school year. Students should turn these physicals in to the respective coaches. A Dearborn Public Schools Interscholastic Sports Physical Examination form must be on file verifying the student's fitness to participate in football, basketball, cheerleading, volleyball, swimming and track. **THE FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PARENT AND/OR GUARDIAN.**

**MEDICATION TO BE ADMINISTERED DURING SCHOOL HOURS.** Please note that **AT NO TIME ARE STUDENTS PERMITTED TO SELF-ADMINISTER PRESCRIPTION OR OVER THE COUNTER MEDICATIONS DURING SCHOOL HOURS.** If your physician has determined that prescription medications or over the counter drugs must be taken during the school day, a medication authorization form (available in the school office) must be completely filled out and **SIGNED BY BOTH PARENT AND PHYSICIAN. AUTHORIZATIONS AND MEDICATIONS FOR THE PREVIOUS SCHOOL YEAR ARE INVALID.** A new authorization form and medication must be submitted to the office each school year. This policy of the Dearborn Public Schools is in accordance with General School Law, (Section 380.1178). After notifying the teacher, the student will be allowed to come to the office for his/her medication. **The medication should be in the original container issued from the pharmacy with the student's name, the physician's name, name of drug, amount of dosage, specific times (not lunch time) to be administered clearly indicated on the container. It is the student's responsibility to come to the office for his/her medication at the proper time.**

**ASTHMA MANAGEMENT PLAN.** If your physician determines that your child must use an inhaler or peak flow meter during school hours, an asthma management plan authorization form **must be completely filled out and SIGNED BY BOTH PARENT AND PHYSICIAN.** A new authorization form must be submitted to the office each school year. Forms are available in the school office. **The procedures governing administration of medications during school hours apply here, also.**

**UNSCHEDULED SCHOOL CLOSINGS.** Unscheduled school closings may occur during the school year. Emergencies such as loss of heat, water or power could result in school closing during the day. Please inform your child where he/she should go in the event that you are not home during the school closing (emergency).

**EMERGENCY FORM.** An emergency form is needed for **every child** attending O. L. Smith and should have been turned in when schedules were picked up. The purpose of the emergency form is to enable school personnel to contact parent or an individual designated by the parent in the event of an emergency or illness. With this in mind, it is imperative that the names appearing on the emergency form are, in fact, individuals **who are available during the school day and have transportation** to pick up your child. Please be sure to include your area code with your cell phone/telephone number. **EMERGENCY FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN. If your child will be picked up by another individual not listed on the emergency form, please be sure you inform the office of these arrangements via a note or phone call; otherwise, we will not release the child for pick up.** Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**BICYCLE SECURITY.** Students must use the bicycle racks near the main entrance to the school on the Yale or north side of the building. It is recommended that bicycles be secured with a strong cable and combination lock of good quality to prevent theft. **Please instruct your child not to tether his/her bike to another student's bike.**

**SMITH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER.** You may continue to access the Smith newsletter via the school's website, [www.dearbornschools.org](http://www.dearbornschools.org). For those families wishing to receive or continue to receive a paper copy of the newsletter, please fill out the form attached and return it to the school office.

**PESTICIDE PRIOR NOTIFICATION.** As part of the Dearborn Public School District pest management program, pesticides are occasionally applied. You have the right to be informed prior to any pesticide application made to the school grounds or buildings. In certain emergencies, pesticides may be applied without prior notification, but you will be provided notice following any such application. If you need prior notification, please fill out the form attached to the newsletter and return it to the Smith School office.