

## GREENWICH CENTRAL SCHOOL

### Middle School Health Office

The New York State Health Department now requires all students born on or after January 1, 1994, entering Sixth Grade, receive a booster dose of Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Acellular Pertussis ( Tdap). This vaccine was developed in response to the increased cases of Whooping Cough we have been seeing in the past few years.

It is MANDATORY that students who are 11 years old or older receive this vaccination prior to entering Sixth Grade. Documentation of this immunization must be received in the Middle School Health Office prior to your child's first day in Sixth Grade. Per Public Health Law, any student not meeting this requirement can be EXCLUDED from school.

Students who are 10 years old when entering the Sixth Grade will not be required to receive a Tdap vaccination and will not be excluded from school. However, they MUST be vaccinated within 14days of their 11<sup>th</sup> birthday.

I realize that sometimes immunization requirements can be confusing. I can be reached at 692-9542 ext. 2208 for any questions or concerns.

Again, if your child will be 11 years old prior to the first day of Sixth Grade, I must have this immunization documentation. Records can be faxed to me at 692-0001 or mailed to Julie Mosher, Greenwich Central School, 10 Gray Ave. Greenwich, N.Y. 12834.

Thank you for your cooperation and please do not hesitate to call me with any questions or concerns.