

Dear Parents,

August 2018

We hope you are having a wonderful summer! With the school year quickly approaching, we wanted to touch base with you regarding Health Office forms and such so that you have time to get these items ready for the first day of school. All forms can be found on the school website (www.stpiuscatholicsschool.net, under the Services and then Health Office tabs). An updated immunization requirement list is also available for review there (2018-2019 School Immunization Requirements).

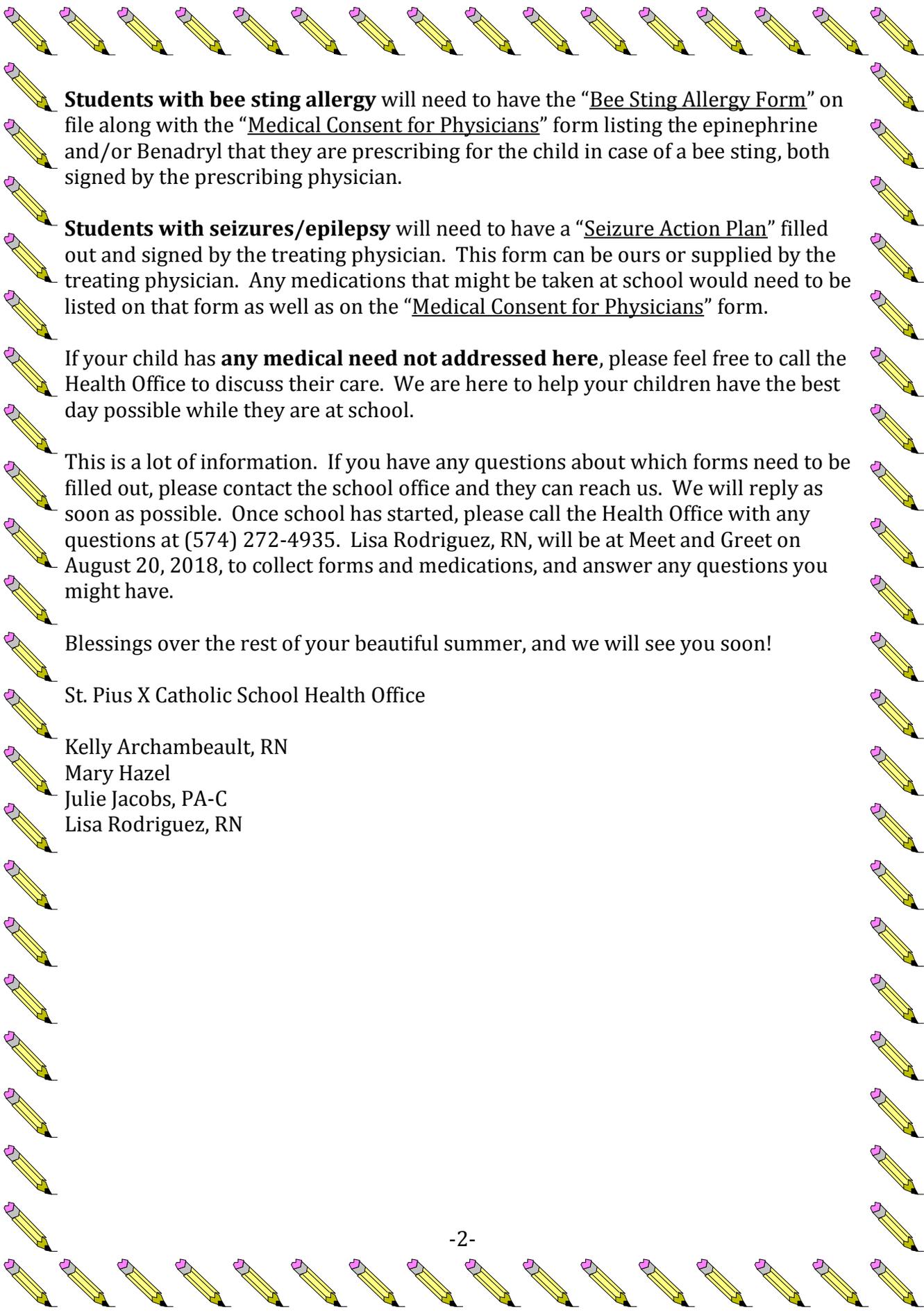
If your student has had any **immunizations** over the summer or receives any during the school year, we ask that you kindly provide the Health Office with an updated record.

If your child takes a **prescription medication**, please have the "Medical Consent Form for Physicians" filled out by the prescribing physician. We need this form in addition to the medication (in a pharmacy-labeled container) in order to store and administer the medication.

If you would like to have **over-the-counter medications** stored at the school for your child's use during the year, please fill out the "Medical Consent Form for Parents." This would include things like cough drops, eye drops, allergy medicine, Tylenol, ibuprofen, Tums, etc. *We will no longer be supplying cough drops for students who have run out, or for those who do not have a consent on file. Also, we will no longer be supplying mints to students in the event of a stomachache.* Parents who anticipate that their child might need a mint will need to supply them and write the directions for their use/frequency on this over-the-counter medication form. This is for the safety of the students. Sorry for any inconvenience this causes.

Students with asthma will need their asthma medication listed on the "Medical Consent for Physicians" form, and have an "Asthma Action Plan" filled out by the prescribing physician. If your child will carry the albuterol on their person, please have the physician also fill out an "Inhaler (Self-Administration)" form. In this case, the child must keep the inhaler with them, not in a backpack/locker. There is also a "Nebulizer Form" in the event they might need a nebulizer treatment while at school; this also needs to be signed by the physician. Nebulizers will be stored in the Health Office and be administered by Health Office personnel.

Students with food allergies need to have the FARE "Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Emergency Care Plan, sides 1 & 2" and "Medical Consent for Physicians" form filled out and signed by the prescribing physician, both forms listing the prescribed epinephrine dosage. If your student will be self-carrying the epinephrine, it will need to be kept *on their person*, not in a backpack or locker, and the "Self-Administration EpiPen" form will need to be filled out and signed by the prescribing physician. *Please include a small picture of your child on the FARE form.* It helps us identify your child's ECP quickly in a time of need.



Students with bee sting allergy will need to have the “Bee Sting Allergy Form” on file along with the “Medical Consent for Physicians” form listing the epinephrine and/or Benadryl that they are prescribing for the child in case of a bee sting, both signed by the prescribing physician.

Students with seizures/epilepsy will need to have a “Seizure Action Plan” filled out and signed by the treating physician. This form can be ours or supplied by the treating physician. Any medications that might be taken at school would need to be listed on that form as well as on the “Medical Consent for Physicians” form.

If your child has **any medical need not addressed here**, please feel free to call the Health Office to discuss their care. We are here to help your children have the best day possible while they are at school.

This is a lot of information. If you have any questions about which forms need to be filled out, please contact the school office and they can reach us. We will reply as soon as possible. Once school has started, please call the Health Office with any questions at (574) 272-4935. Lisa Rodriguez, RN, will be at Meet and Greet on August 20, 2018, to collect forms and medications, and answer any questions you might have.

Blessings over the rest of your beautiful summer, and we will see you soon!

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