

## **To: Parents of students entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade**

During the 2008 Regular Session of the Legislature, signed into law were Act 152 and Act 342 which state the following:

**Any student who is at least 11 years old entering sixth grade must receive meningococcal disease (MCV-4) vaccination along with any other age appropriate vaccine prior to school entry.** Remember your child must be 11 years old to receive this immunization, or it will be invalid.

Immunizations may be obtained from your private physician, at your local parish health unit, or at the school based health center in Rayville.

This vaccination must be given prior to school starting in the fall. At that time, when record checks are done, if your child is not compliant with the immunization requirements, he or she will not be allowed to attend school until he/she is compliant.

Thank you,

Richland Parish School Nurses