



MOUNT ST. MARY ACADEMY

Dear Parents/ Guardians;

05/20/2026

All public and private school students entering 7th or 12th grades in New York State are required to be vaccinated against meningococcal disease (types A, C, W and Y) in order to attend school.

Meningococcal disease is a rare but dangerous disease that strikes without warning. It can cause meningitis (an infection of the lining of the brain and spinal cord) and sepsis (blood infections).

The meningococcal conjugate vaccine, sometimes called the meningitis vaccine, is the best protection against the disease, which often affects young people. The disease spreads easily in close quarters by coughing, sneezing, kissing, or sharing utensils and cups. The meningococcal vaccine is 85 percent to 100 percent effective at preventing infection with the four types of meningococcal disease that cause the majority of cases in the United States.

A total of two doses of MenACWY vaccine, administered a minimum of 8 weeks apart, are required for entry into grade 12. The second dose must be administered **no sooner than 16 years of age**.

According to NY STATE immunization records your daughter *has already received the 1st dose* of the vaccine. She will *need the 2nd dose prior to starting grade 12 in the fall*.

Please contact your physician and make an appointment to have this vaccination completed prior to the start of the 2026-2027 School Year. Once your daughter has been given the vaccine, please provide the health office with proof of the vaccination.

Sincerely,

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