

February 11, 2011

EXTREMELY IMPORTANT!

To parents/guardians of ALL STUDENTS entering 7th-12th grade:

The State of California now requires that YOUR STUDENT receive an adolescent whooping cough booster shot (**Tdap**) before starting the 2011-2012 school year. This is a booster to the DTP (diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis) shot your child received before entering kindergarten to specifically ward against whooping cough (pertussis).

No school in the state, including Bethel Christian Schools, may allow your child to start school for the next school year until you bring PROOF from the doctor that your child has received this booster shot.

PLEASE, get out your child's immunization record and make an appointment with your family doctor for your child to receive this immunization RIGHT AWAY. *We cannot confirm any registration without PROOF from you doctor that your child has received the **Tdap**.* Open registration for Bethel Christian Schools begins Friday, February 25.

NOTE: The td booster, which is only for tetanus-diphtheria, does not meet the requirement. There may not be a place on your child's immunization record to record the Tdap, so be sure that you get whatever official form is necessary from your family doctor to prove that your child has received the correct booster.

Attached is a flyer from the Riverside County Department of Public Health with more information.

Please call us if you have any questions.

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Ronda Crites
Vice-Principal