

### **Tdap Immunization Required for 7<sup>th</sup> graders:**

The Tdap requirement has been put in place since the 2013/14 school year and requires a booster dose of Tetanus, Diphtheria, and acellular Pertussis containing vaccine for students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade, *regardless of the interval since the last Tetanus/Diphtheria containing vaccine*. Pertussis (whooping cough) is a very contagious disease that causes violent coughing fits that make it hard to breathe.

All students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade must have proof of having the Tdap vaccine **before school starts in August**, unless the student has a Certificate of Immunization Exemption.

There will be no grace/extension period for the implementation of this requirement.