

**Catonsville Middle School
2009-2010**

From the Health Suite ...

I hope you are all enjoying a relaxing summer. As the nurse at Catonsville Middle School, I want to let you know that I will be available to answer any of your questions or concerns throughout the school year. I wanted to include some reminders this year regarding the two forms in this mailing and some other general reminders regarding medications that might be needed during the school year.

DISCRETIONARY MEDICATION FORM

A new one must be completed each school year. Please complete the form whether you wish your child to have medication at school or not. I usually do not call home if this form is missing in your child's file, so if you have some concern that this form might not reach me, feel free to mail it or return it to school at any time during the summer or after the start of the school year. **Please note that I cannot administer ANY discretionary medicine (e.g. Tylenol, Motrin, Benadryl, Cough Drops, TUMS, etc.) unless this form is completed and returned to me.**

PHYSICIAN'S ORDER FORM FOR MEDICATION TO BE GIVEN AT SCHOOL

This form needs to be signed by the parent/guardian and filled out by a physician or nurse-practitioner for any prescription medication that might need to be given during school hours. It is strongly suggested that your child receive a first dose of any new medication at home to observe for any adverse reaction, before receiving it at school.

Both of these forms are also now available on the school website, <http://catonsvillems.bcps.org>, under 'Resources and Forms'.

GENERAL REMINDERS

ALL MEDICATION must be delivered to school in the original package (non-prescription), or pharmacy labeled container (prescription). I cannot accept medication in plastic bags or single dose capsules, etc.

A **new** doctor's order is required at the beginning of each school year and whenever there is a change in the dosage or time of medicine administration.

Medication must be delivered to school by a parent or guardian.

Thank you,
Kristi Lowman, RN