



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Starting the week of May 8th, there will be a screening program for **scoliosis** for students in the **fifth** and **seventh** grades, as required by the School Health Services Guidelines for the state of New Jersey. All students in grades five and seven will have the opportunity to be screened at school. The school nurse will perform the screenings.

Scoliosis is defined as a condition of the spine in which the spine may curve to the right or left. It is most commonly found during the time of rapid growth and may progress if not treated. The purpose of this screening program is to recognize scoliosis in the earliest stages. The screening process takes less than a minute to conduct. During the examination, each student will have to expose his/her back. Girls may wear a cami-top or bathing suit top during the screening. Your child's privacy is maintained at all times. If further consultation is recommended, you will be notified and a recommendation to see your family physician will be made.

Please complete the form below **ONLY IF YOU DO NOT WISH** for your child to be screened at school, and have your son/daughter **return it to the School Nurse no later than May 4th, 2023**. If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Karen Hannah, RN
Nancy L. Merwede, RN
School Nurse
973-642-0529

Name of Student: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date