

SCOLIOSIS SCREENINGS

PVC Parents / Guardians of girls in 5th & 7th Grades

Current NYS law requires the School Nurse to screen female students in grades 5 & 7 for scoliosis. The School Nurse will be screening girls in those grades during Physical Education classes over a two week period in May.

Scoliosis is a curvature of the spine and it takes about 1 minute to screen for. The School Nurse will look at the child's back while the child is standing *and* in the forward bend position. Screened students will need to wear a sports bra, bathing suit top or leotard during the screening, allowing for visualization of the spine.

- **Students who need to be screened will be notified of their specific screening date during a prior Physical Education class so that they can dress appropriately for the screening.**
- Boys will not be screened. Girls in grades 6 & 8 will not be screened.
- **Not all girls in grades 5 & 7 will be screened in school.** If you have provided a recent physical examination record documenting your daughter's scoliosis screening results, or if your child has a diagnosis of scoliosis, she will not be screened.
- If your child's screening results are outside of normal limits, the School Nurse will notify you.
- If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the School Nurse.