

Concord Compass

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"What is happening at Concord in the next few weeks?"



C.A.B. CLOSED

Friday, February 16th - 19th
Winter Break

Friday, February 23rd

*Progress Reports
*3rd 4th 5th Ski Trip - Boyne Mt.

Monday, February 26th

Char Em Workshop
K & 1 AM, 2 & 3 PM

Wednesday, February 28th

8th - 12th Ski Trip - Boyne Mt.

2006-2007 Yearbooks

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BOYNE CITY LITTLE

LEAGUE 2007 SIGN-UP

Any child who is 5 years old by May 1st is eligible to play

T-ball this year.

Sign-ups begin

March 7th.

See flyers in the lobby for additional information.



Thanks for Your Support

Thank you for your wonderful support of the national Honor Society Valentine Rose sale. The sale was a great success!



The NHS students also made roses to be sent to military personnel overseas.

Ski Trip - Feb. 28th

High School 8th - 12th Snow boarders and Skiers welcome to join! For just \$12 you get: LUNCH, RENTAL, and a LESSON. Parents who would like to help drive, chaperone, and ski please contact us. (Same cost for adults). **Thank you for helping!!**



Mrs. Sidell & Ms. Christensen

ASSIGNMENTS:

8TH GRADE & H.S. MATH
8th Grade - Lessons 74-77 (Graphing inequalities)

Basic Algebra - Chapter 8 (System equations)

Algebra - Lessons 80-83 (consecutive integer problems)

Basic Geometry - Start Ch. 9 (polygons)

Geometry - Days 84-87 of their syllabi

Business Math - Ch. 10 (Insurance interspersed w/ review for standardized tests).

Adv. Math - Statistics Ch 3 (data description).

As many of you know - we have had several cases of CHICKENPOX (Varicella) reported. So let's all take time to review what we are dealing with.

(The following is excerpts from a Patient Education Handout from Northern Michigan Hospital)

WHAT IS CHICKENPOX?

Chickenpox is a disease caused by exposure to a highly contagious virus. If your child has chickenpox, then your child was exposed to the virus 14-16 days earlier.

SYMPTOMS:

- multiple small, red bumps that become thin-walled water blisters or open sores; and finally dry, brown crusts (all within 24 hours).
- repeated crop of these sores for 4 to 5 days
- sores or crusts that are usually less than 1/4 inch across
- rash that is on the body surfaces, but usually starts on head and back
- some sores possibly in the mouth, eyelids, and genital area
- fever (unless the rash is mild).
- **Contagiousness and isolation:**
- Children are contagious 5 days before rash begins and until all the sores have crusted over. It may take 2 weeks for all of the scabs to fall off. Siblings will usually come down with the chickenpox in 14 to 16 days. The 2nd case in a family always has more sores than the first one.

HOW LONG DOES IT LAST?

New sores will continue to crop up daily for 4 to 5 days. The fever is highest on the third or fourth day. Children start to feel better and stop having the fever once they stop getting new bumps. The average child gets a total of 500 chickenpox sores.

Chickenpox rarely leaves any permanent scars unless the sores become badly infected with impetigo or your child repeatedly picks off the scabs. However, normal chickenpox can leave temporary marks on the skin that take 6 to 12 months to fade. Once a child has had chickenpox he will usually never gets it again. Very rarely, a child may have a second mild attack of chickenpox.

HOW CAN I TAKE CARE OF MY CHILD?

- **Itching and cool baths.** The best treatment for skin discomfort and itching is a cool bath every 3-4 hours for the first few days. Add 4 tablespoons of baking soda per tub of water. Baths do not spread the chickenpox. *Calamine lotion can be placed on the most itchy spots after the bath. You can also massage the itchy spots with an ice cub for 10 minutes. If the itching become severe/interferes with sleep - give your child a nonprescription antihistamine called Benadryl.
- **Fever:** Acetaminophen may be given in age appropriate doses if child develops a fever over 102 degrees. Do **NOT** give ibuprofen because of possible Strep link or aspirin because of Reye's syndrome.
- **Sore mouth:** chickenpox sores may occur in mouth and throat. Encourage child to drink cold fluids. Offer a soft, bland diet and avoid salty foods and citrus fruits. If they persist - call doctor.
- **Acyclovir:** is an oral, anti-viral drug that can be used to treat chickenpox. It will only help if used during first 24 hours after sores first appear: only mild benefits.
- **Prevention of Impetigo (infected sores):** Trim child's fingernails short. Frequently wash their hands with an antibacterial soap such as Dial or Safeguard. Young babies may have socks put on their hands to help prevent excessive scratching.

How can chickenpox be prevented?

- A vaccine is now available. It can be given any time after 12 months of ages.

When should I call my doctor?

Call IMMEDIATELY if:

- any sores look infected - yellow pus, spreading redness, red streaks.
- Child develops a speckled, red rash
- Child starts acting very sick

Call within 24 hours if:

- A scab looks infected (becomes larger or drains pus).
- The fever last over 4 days
- The itching is severe and doesn't respond to treatment.
- You have other concerns or questions

PTP FUND RAISER DINNER CANCELLED

Many thanks to those who were willing to participate. Unfortunately, there were not enough "Table Sponsors" registered for this event to make it a true success.