

Holten Richmond Middle School

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Danvers Public Schools will be doing an annual postural screening. The purpose of the State mandated screening is to find early signs of possible spinal problems in children in grades 5-9. It is not a diagnostic service, but a program to identify young people who should have further medical evaluation.

The physical education instructor and the school nurse will conduct the screening.

If your child has any unusual findings, you will be notified and asked to take the child to a physician as a precaution. The majority of students exhibit no findings. If nothing unusual is found, we will not be contacting you again until the screening next year.

Female students are asked to wear, or bring to school, clothing which will allow unobstructed viewing of the spine, shoulders and shoulder blades. This may be a one or two piece swimsuit, or halter-top. T-shirts are not acceptable. The important consideration is the ability of the screener to view the back.

The screening at the Holten Richmond Middle School will take place during your child's physical education classes on the following dates and until completion:

January 22, 2019
January 24, 2019
January 25, 2019
January 29, 2019
January 31, 2019

If you have any questions, please contact your school nurses, Janelle Moroney or Susan Rich at 978-774-8590 (x3052 or x3053).

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Sincerely,

*Adam Federico
Principal*

*Janelle Moroney RN, BSN, NCSN
School Nurse*

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****Scoliosis, a lateral curve of the spine, occurs in about 10% of the population. Girls require treatment 8 times more often than boys. The first mild signs of curvature often begin to appear in early adolescence and frequently go unnoticed. Severe curvatures, left untreated, can cause physical deformity, arthritic symptoms, heart and lung disorders and other medical problems. If the condition becomes severe, the only treatment is surgery.*