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Dear Parents:

As you might have heard or read there has been news about Methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA). We, at Monsignor Pace High School, are fortunate that there have been no cases reported or detected. We are committed to providing a safe environment and to be diligent and pro active in protecting our students, faculty, and staff. With this in mind we have retained the services of a company called Healthier Environment Living Program, who are specialists in antimicrobial protection. They have visited, performed their inspection and testing, made their recommended solutions, and applied their treatment by a trained certified applicator. This treatment is done periodically through out the year.

We have aggressively taken steps in prevention, but as always, need your help in this matter. Talk to your child about his or her personal hygiene. Coaches and P.E. teachers are always talking to the students about cleanness, however, it helps a great deal if this is reinforced at home. Just washing ones hands on a regular basis does a great deal in preventing the spread of germs.

Here are some recommendations on prevention and reduction of transmission of MRSA and other skin infections:

- Follow good hygiene practices
 - Frequent hand washing
 - Showering immediately after each practice or game
 - DO NOT share water bottles
- DO NOT share personal hygiene items: soap, razors, TOWELS
- DO NOT share ointments or antibiotics
- Wash practice clothes/uniforms with soap and warm water and dry in a HOT dryer

Provided on the back of this letter are answers from the CDC (Center for Disease Control) on frequently asked questions. For more information on MRSA or other skin infections visit the Center for Disease Control website at www.cdc.gov.

The brochure that we have enclosed shows that Healthier Environment Living Program specializes in homes as well as businesses. If you have any concerns about your home environment, please feel free to avail yourself of their services.

Blessings and good health to you and yours,

Ana Garcia
Principal

