

## **MRSA PREVENTION**

There has been a good deal of attention in the news of late on student athletes contracting MRSA (methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus), a bacterium resistant to certain antibiotics. Our school district continues to take proactive steps to reduce the chances of any student contracting MRSA.

The custodial staff at both high schools clean all areas using appropriate disinfectants with special attention paid to bathrooms, locker rooms, the weight room and wrestling room. In the weight room we are reminding everyone to use cloths sprayed with disinfectants to wipe down equipment after use. Our food service provider continues to use appropriate cleaning procedures.

Prevention is key in keeping infections from spreading. The best ways to prevent the spread of infection are hand washing, keeping cuts and scrapes clean and covered with bandages and not sharing personal items. Students should not attend school with a fever.

Our goal is to provide a safe, clean environment for all students and staff. Please contact your child's physician if you have questions or concerns. The Center for Disease Control website, [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) also provides additional information.