

**TANGIPAHOA PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM  
NEWSLETTER**



**TIMELY INFORMATION OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO  
SCHOOL EMPLOYEES AND OTHERS IN THE COMMUNITY**

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**October 20, 2006**

**NO. 08**

**THOMAS BELAVIA, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**

**TO: PRINCIPALS**

**RE: JOB ADVERTISEMENT**

Please see the attached advertisements

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**SHIRLEY PERKINS, HEAD NURSE, RN**

**TO: PRINCIPALS AND STAFF**

**RE: REYE'S SYNDROME**

As we approach the influenza season, we need to be aware of the dangers of some over-the-counter drugs which contain aspirin. Please be aware that there are dangers especially for young people that may be life threatening.

Also, the vaccine is available through some private physicians and Pediatricians. At present, the Health Units do not have the vaccine. Please post on your bulletin board or make announcements at your PTA/PTO meetings.

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**\*\*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\*\***

The Tangipahoa Parish School System is now accepting applications for the position listed below:

DEADLINE: October 25, 2006

POSITION: School Secretary - 10 Month  
Salary - \$ 17,433

LOCATION Hammond Westside Primary - Hammond, LA

CRITERIA: High School Diploma or Equivalency Certificate, passed Civil Service Test for Clerk-Typist I or Coast(with typing test), or successfully completed coursework leading to Associate Degree in Office Administration or successfully completed related coursework at State Approved Vocational School, State Approved Business School, or J.T.P.A. sponsored school. Diplomas, Certificates of Completion, and/or Civil Service Test Scores must be submitted with application.

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Please address application to Thomas Bellavia, Assistant Superintendent 59656 Puleston Road, Amite, Louisiana 70422. Submit a letter stating specifically the position for which you are applying. Be sure to show your complete address and telephone number.

Applicants should indicate references, qualifications, past work experience and other personal data. All credentials requested **MUST** accompany your application.

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**LOUIS JOSEPH**  
Superintendent

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faxed 10/17/06

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The Tangipahoa Parish School System is now accepting applications for the position listed below:

DEADLINE: November 1, 2006

POSITION: Assistant Principal

LOCATION: Loranger High School - Loranger, LA

CRITERIA: Must currently hold full State Certification to serve as Principal at the appropriate level. Preference will be given to applicants with Secondary Certification and teaching experience at the Secondary level.

**Applicants who have previously applied for Principalship positions must re-apply. However, you may use your present score. Please indicate: "I want to use my present score" or "I want to be interviewed."**

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## REYE'S SYNDROME

Reye's Syndrome is a very serious disease that you should know about. Some people develop Reye's Syndrome as they are getting over a viral illness, such as the flu or chicken pox. Reye's Syndrome usually affects people from infancy through young adulthood; however, **no age group is immune**. Although Reye's generally occurs when someone is recovering from any viral illness, it can develop 3 to 5 days after the onset of the illness. Its main targets are the liver and brain, it is noncontagious, and too often is misdiagnosed as encephalitis, meningitis, diabetes, poisoning, drug overdose, or sudden infant death.

Early diagnosis is crucial. An individual should be watched during the next 2 to 3 weeks following a viral illness for these symptoms, usually occurring in this order:

- \***Relentless or continuous vomiting**
- \***Listlessness** (*loss of pep and energy with little interest in their environment*)
- \***Drowsiness** (*excessive sleepiness*)
- \***Personality change** (*such as irritability, slurred speech, sensitivity to touch*)
- \***Disorientation or confusion** (*unable to identify whereabouts, family members or answer questions*)
- \***Combativeness** (*striking out at those trying to help them*)
- \***Delirium, convulsions or loss of consciousness**

Reye's Syndrome should be suspected in anyone who vomits repeatedly. Phone your doctor immediately if these symptoms develop. Voice your concern about Reye's Syndrome. If your physician is unavailable, take the person to an Emergency Room promptly. Two liver function tests (SGOT, SGPT) can be done to determine the possibility of Reye's Syndrome. There is a 90% chance of recovery when the syndrome is treated in its earliest stages by physicians and nurses experienced in the treatment of Reye's.

Studies have shown that using aspirin or aspirin-containing medications to treat the symptoms of viral illnesses increases the chance of developing Reye's Syndrome. If you or a member of your family have a viral illness, **do not use aspirin or aspirin-containing medications**. In fact, you should consult your physician before you take any drugs, particularly aspirin or anti-nausea medicines, to treat flu, chicken pox or any viral illness. Anti nausea medicines may mask the symptoms of Reye's Syndrome.

The National Reye's Syndrome Foundation (NRSF), the U.S. Surgeon General, the Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that aspirin and combination products containing aspirin not be taken by anyone under 19 years of age during fever-causing illnesses.

Aspirin is part of the salicylate family of medicines. Another name for aspirin is acetylsalicylate; some drug labels may use the words acetylsalicylate, acetylsalicylic acid, salicylic acid, salicylate, etc., instead of the word aspirin. Currently, there is no conclusive data as to whether other forms of salicylates are associated with the development of Reye's Syndrome. Until further research has answered this question, the NRSF recommends that products containing any of these substances not be taken during episodes of viral infections.

The NRSF is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization with affiliates located in 45 states. The NRSF has pioneered the movement to disseminate knowledge about the disease in an effort to aid in early diagnosis and also provides funds for research into the cause, cure, care, treatment and prevention of Reye's Syndrome.

For additional information, please contact:

National Reye's Syndrome Foundation  
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PO Box 829  
Bryan, OH 43506-0829

Phone: 1-800-233-7393 or 1-419-636-2679  
Fax: 1-419-636-9897

E-Mail: [nrsf@reyessyndrome.org](mailto:nrsf@reyessyndrome.org)  
Web: [www.reyessyndrome.org](http://www.reyessyndrome.org)



## Medications Containing Aspirin (Acetylsalicylate) and Aspirin-Like Products

Epidemiologic research has shown an association between the development of Reye's Syndrome and the use of aspirin-type products for treating symptoms of influenza-like illnesses and chicken-pox. The National Reye's Syndrome Foundation, U.S. Surgeon General, the Food and Drug Administration, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that aspirin and combination products containing aspirin not be given to children or teenagers who are suffering from one of these illnesses. This listing shows products containing aspirin or salicylate compounds. **THIS IS NOT A COMPLETE LIST!** Some medication labels may use the words acetylsalicylate, acetylsalicylic acid, salicylic, salicylamide, phenyl salicylate, etc., instead of the word aspirin. There is not data as to other forms of salicylate other than aspirin associated with the development of Reye's Syndrome, but until further research has answered this question, we recommend products listing these substances not be used at all in children and adolescents, because a virus may already be present before symptoms appear. Product ingredients may be reformulated periodically, so always check the label. When in doubt ask your doctor or pharmacist.

NON-PRESCRIPTION PRODUCTS	PRESCRIPTION PRODUCTS	PRESCRIPTION PRODUCTS (Cont.)
Alka-Seltzer* Bayer	Acuprin 81 Adult Low Dose Aspirin Richwood	Magan Tablets Savage
Anacin* Whitehall Robins	Aggrenox Capsules Boehringer-Ingelheim	Magsal Tablets U.S. Pharmaceutical
Ascriptin* Novartis	Butalbital, Aspirin, Caffeine & Codeine	Methocarbamol & Aspirin Tablets Par
Bayer Aspirin* Bayer	Phosphate Capsules, USP Watson	Mono-Gesic Tablets Schwarz
BC Powder* Block	Carisoprodol and Aspirin Tablets Par	Norgesic Forte Tablets 3M
Bufferin* Bristol-Myers	Darvon Compound-65 Lily	Norgesic Tablets 3M
CVS Aspirin* CVS Pharmacy	Disalcid Capsules and Tablets 3M	Percodan Tablets Endo Labs
Doan's* Novartis	Easprin Delayed-Released Tablets Lotus Biochemical	Propoxyphene Compound 65 Capsules (CIU)
Dristan* Whitehall Robins	Endodan Tablets, USP CII Endo Generics	Robaxisal Tablets Teva
Ecotrin* SK Beecham	Equagesic Tablets Wyeth-Ayerst	Roxiprin Tablets Robins
Excedrin* Bristol-Myers	Fiorinal Capsules and Tablets Novartis	Salflex Tablets Roxane
Goody's Aspirin* Block	Fiorinal with Codeine Capsules Novartis	Salsalate Tablets Carnrick
Kaopectate* Pharmacia	Fiortal with Codeine Capsules Geneva	Soma Compound Tablets Duramed
Maalox* Novartis	Gelpirin Tablets Alra	Synalgos-DC Capsules Wallace
Midol* Bayer	Halfprin Tablets Kramer	Talwin Compound Wyeth-Ayerst
Norwich Aspirin* Chatterm	Helidac therapy Prometheus Labs	Triistate Liquid & Tablets Sanofi-Winthrop
Rite Aid Aspirin* Rite Aid	Lobac Capsules and Tablets Seatrace	
Pamprin* Chatterm	Lortab ASA Tablets UCB	
Pepto-Bismol* Proctor and Gamble		
Sine-Off* Hogil Pharmaceutical		
St. Joseph* Schering-Plough		
Vanquish* Bayer		
YSP* Carlsbad Technology		

\*To conserve space on our list, we have listed non-prescription products by brand name only. Please be aware these products come in many forms, strengths and flavors. Be sure to check the label for the Reye's Syndrome warning and/or any of the ingredients names listed in the above paragraph.

The following topical products are listed as they also contain forms of salicylates, While these products are not ingested through the mouth, certain ingredients may be absorbed through the skin and therefore a potential risk where Reye's Syndrome is concerned. Be sure to check ingredient labels. These products are not ingested and as such, not required to carry the aspirin warning.

Acne Cleaners	Dandruff Shampoos	Muscle Pain Relief Creams
Acne Creams	Exfoliating Moisturizers	Perfume
Arthritis Pain Rubs	Facial Scrubs	Sun Block
Astringents	Facial Masques	Wart Removers
Cosmetics	Lotion (Hand & Body)	Wintergreen Scented Oils

For More Information Contact the NRSF:  
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