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Parents,

It has come to my attention that a student in your child's class had pinworms. Rest assured that this student has been treated and is following doctor's advice.

Pinworms are white threadlike parasites that live in the large intestines. Transmission is either directly by the transfer of infective eggs by hand to mouth when proper hygiene is not used when using the bathroom or from items contaminated with eggs.

Symptoms to watch for are complaints of an itchy bottom, sleeplessness, irritability, distracted or short attention span, and restlessness. Please look at

<https://www.cdc.gov/parasites/pinworm/index.html> for further details on diagnosing and treatment for pinworms.

Whether or not your family ever experiences this or many other infections and illnesses this again is a teachable moment with your children about the importance of good hygiene and hand washing.

If your child is ever diagnosed with anything contagious please inform me so that proper measures can be taken here at school when necessary. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at lblack@allsaintsjupiter.org

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