

## **Your Child Needs Braces..... Now What?**

- ☐ It has been recommended that your child is ready for orthodontic treatment. *Orthodontics* is the correction of dental malocclusions. A malocclusion is a dental situation where the bite and tooth alignment is less than ideal. During orthodontic treatment, teeth are moved into a more harmonious and stable position, thereby creating a pleasing and beautiful smile.
- ☐ In order for our orthodontist to properly diagnose your child's malocclusion and create a customized treatment plan, full orthodontic records are needed. These records include: Two radiographs (x-rays), digital photographs, and models of the teeth. These records are obtained at a 25 minute appointment that we call a *Diagnostic Work Up*.
- ☐ Approximately 3 weeks after the work up, we will schedule a *consultation appointment* for you with Dr. Finelli. At this time, Dr. Finelli will fully explain your child's treatment plan and answer any questions you may have regarding orthodontic treatment, braces and retainers. The cost and length of treatment will be discussed at that time.
- ☐ After the consultation, an appointment can be scheduled to begin placement of the orthodontic appliances and start active treatment.