



St. Peter Catholic School

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Dear Parents:

You've all read the headlines and seen the news stories: food allergies are a growing concern in schools across America. Millions of children - children who are perfectly healthy and normal in every other way - must watch every single bite they eat, or risk suffering a severe or even life threatening reaction. A major health issue such as this must be taken very seriously, and it has always been the policy of St. Peter Catholic School to make the safety and well-being of our students our top priority.

A student in our school has a serious peanut allergy. A child with a serious peanut allergy can suffer a reaction merely by touching a peanut-containing food. Prevention, of course is the best approach and therefore we are requesting your cooperation. We realize this may be inconvenient, but trust that you understand the importance of the situation. Therefore, we are putting the following safety guidelines into effect:

- Please do not send any peanuts, peanut butter or foods containing peanuts or peanut butter to be eaten during the school day.
- Hand washing before and after eating will be emphasized.
- We will try to keep the snacks at holiday parties to a minimum. As with birthdays, we must be extremely careful about the ingredients in all of the snack items.
- If your child ate peanut butter for breakfast, we would greatly appreciate you making sure that his/her hands are washed with soap and water before leaving for school. Water alone does not do the trick!

Please review the following general guidelines and discuss them with your child. This is a learning process for all of us, but we trust that you understand how deeply important it is to respect and adhere to these guidelines. If throughout the course of the year you have any questions or concerns about food-allergy-related issues, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Wishing you and your family a safe and healthy school year.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mary Elliott, School Principal

"Let it be known to all who enter here that Jesus Christ is the reason for this school..."