



ST. ANN SCHOOL Peanut/Tree Nut Safety Guidelines

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our school is continuing to work toward being peanut/tree nut-free. A main reason for this decision is that several of our students have severe peanut/tree nut allergies.

Peanut/tree nuts have a strong smell and peanut/tree nut protein can be difficult to clean off tables and hands. A child with a serious peanut/tree nut allergy can suffer a reaction merely by touching a peanut/tree nut-containing food. Foods containing any trace of peanut/tree nut must be eliminated from the child's diet.

Therefore, we are putting the following safety guidelines into place:

- 1) Peanut butter or food containing peanut or tree nut products will not be served by our St. Ann School Hot Lunch Program.
- 2) Please do not send any peanuts/tree nuts or peanut butter or tree nuts or food containing those items to be eaten as classroom treats. If your child is in a classroom with a child who has severe peanut/nut allergies, please read the label of store bought products before sending them in as a classroom treat.
- 3) Your child's classroom will not be doing any classroom projects that involve peanut butter (like bird feeders) or peanut/tree nut shells (like art projects).
- 4) The students will be required to wash their hands before and after eating. If your child had peanut butter for breakfast, please have them wash their hands and face with soap and water before arriving at school.
- 5) A peanut/tree nut-free table will be made available for students who have peanut/tree nut allergies.
- 6) Peanut/tree nut free classroom signs will be posted on classroom doors where students with peanut/tree nut allergies will be working.

To reduce the chance of children with peanut/tree nut allergies being exposed to food that may cause an allergic reaction, we are asking that you strongly consider not sending peanut/tree nut or peanut butter products with your child for snack or lunch. Choosing to leave peanut/tree nut products out of your child's lunch is voluntary, and is entirely up to you.

If you have any questions, please call the school office. Thank you for helping us to keep our school a healthy and safe environment for all of our St. Ann School students.

Sincerely,

Joan Leonard
St. Ann School Principal