



Immaculate Conception School

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Dear Parents:

We are seeing more and more children with food allergies. Unfortunately, some of these allergic reactions in our children are potentially fatal. At the school, we are equipped, to the best of our abilities to respond to reactions, and to seek emergency care. Teachers are aware, as are staff members, of the children with allergies. **Classrooms will be peanut free. Students bringing peanut butter for lunch will sit at a designated table. This table will be cleaned with a specifically designed cleaner to insure that all peanut oils are removed.** Extreme care will be taken at snack and lunch times.

There are several other allergic reactions that necessitate caution; allergies to dairy, apples, chocolate, nuts, and peanut oil are present in our student body. After much thought and consultation with teachers, it is apparent that there be no goodies sent to school for Birthday parties. The base oil for cooking, many times contains nuts of some form. Milk and dairy products are present in cookies and cakes. Children would have no way of knowing that cakes or cookies contained allergens for them. For holidays such as Halloween, Thanksgiving, etc., teachers will inform parents of specific items, which may be sent to school such as: fruits, raw vegetables, potato chips, some popcorn, Jell-O, etc.

You know our primary concern is for the safety of the children. Your cooperation in this matter is deeply appreciated by the staff of the school.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mary Reardon

Principal