

**IMPORTANT                      IMPORTANT                      IMPORTANT                      IMPORTANT**  
**ALL FAMILIES MUST READ: LUNCH, SNACK & BIRTHDAY INFORMATION**  
**2018-2019**

Dear Parents,

With the start of a new school year, we are reminding families about our lunch and snack routines, and our birthday celebration policy, in our effort to keep St. Francis a safe environment for students with food allergies and other health concerns.

**NO PEANUTS OR TREE NUTS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE ESP ROOMS, PRESCHOOL, KINDERGARTEN, 1st Grade, 2nd Grade, 3rd Grade, 4th Grade, 5th Grade, 6th Grade, 7th, and 8th Grade.**

Nut free zone signs will be posted outside each of these classrooms as well as in common rooms including the library, art, and music rooms.

A tree nut is any nut other than a peanut. This includes cashews, almonds, macadamia nuts, pecans, walnuts, pralines, and many others. Coconut allergies are often times present with tree nut allergies. Please read labels carefully. Any product processed in a facility with nuts may contain traces of nuts. Please refer to the link below which includes a list of safe snacks.

**During lunch and snack times, grades prekindergarten – sixth grade will follow the same procedure:**

- Children, teachers, and lunch duty supervisors will do their best to review all food to determine if there are any peanut/tree nut products present.
- Mrs. Van Oirschot and Mrs. Dunbar will make lunch parents aware of these routines.
- We ask that you help your child be aware of the items in his or her lunch.
- Please label all non-nut butters, including WOW butter, as nut free.

**ST. FRANCIS DOES NOT PERMIT ANY FOOD-BASED BIRTHDAY TREATS.**

**We are happy to recognize student birthdays in other ways, but any food brought in to celebrate will be kept in the school office until a parent can pick it up.**

Please refer to <http://snacksafely.com/safe-snack-guide/> as a guide. Thank you for your support in providing a healthy learning environment for all students.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Pritzel and the PK-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Staff