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ALL FAMILIES MUST READ: LUNCH, SNACK & BIRTHDAY INFORMATION

Dear Parents,

With the start of a new school year, we are reminding families about the lunch, snack, and birthday celebration policies that allow us 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 OUR CLASSROOMS OR COMMON SPACES.

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 oftentimes present with tree nut allergies, so no coconut. Please read labels carefully. Any product processed in a facility with nuts may contain traces of nuts. ***These items should not be sent to school.*** Please refer to the link below which includes a list of safe snacks.

During lunch and snack times, grades pre-kindergarten – 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 and return any potentially allergenic food to lunch boxes with a note to parents/guardians asking not to send those items to school.
- Our lunch trainers will make lunch parents aware of these routines.
- 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. Please do not send in any food-based treats. Any food brought in to celebrate will be kept in the school office until a parent can pick it up.

Some classrooms may have additional allergy modification. The classroom teacher will notify those families individually.

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