



August 13, 2018

Dear Parents,

Please be aware that we have students with food allergies attending St. Dominic School as well as faculty members with allergies. Although these allergies include soy products, milk, shellfish, and other allergens, **peanut and nut allergies** are of great concern. At the beginning of each school year, we request that all snacks and treats sent to school be nut-free. We have set aside an area of the cafeteria where lunches containing any peanut products may not be served in order to better protect those students.

It is very important that children understand that touching doorknobs or playground equipment after eating finger foods containing peanuts, peanut oil, or nut products will leave enough residue to affect an allergic child who may then touch that doorknob or playground equipment. While we can encourage children to use a napkin at lunch to wipe their hands and mouths and wash their hands after eating lunch, **it very important that we have the cooperation of our parents in NOT sending peanut butter or food made with peanut products to school in lunches or treats.**

We realize that this request might be inconvenient, but **peanuts in any form - oil, ground up bits, even a microscopic amount, are a serious and EXTREMELY DANGEROUS health hazard** to allergic children.

We thank you for your cooperation in keeping our children safe!

Sincerely,

Dr. Ashley Lynn Seatter
Principal