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Notice to Parents and Guardians;

Anaphylaxis Awareness: Maintaining Allergen-safe Areas

We at St. Augustine School are committed to providing a safe and caring learning environment for all students. Within our community there are several students who have a potentially life-threatening allergy (anaphylaxis) to foods, predominantly to peanuts and nuts.

We feel the best way to reduce the risk of accidental exposure to these students is to respectfully ask for the co-operation of the staff/students/parents/guardians with elementary students adhere to the following:

1. All people assist in keeping eating spaces and playgrounds allergen safe by not sending to school foods listed on the *Classroom Anaphylaxis Awareness Letter* sent home by each homeroom teacher (this list may vary by classroom). Please note that, for safety, should a child mistakenly bring a known allergen we will need to have them eat this lunch at a designated space outside of the classroom.
2. Eating (snacks, lunch) will be limited to classroom spaces (no more eating outside/on the playground - time to eat at first recess will be provided in each classroom).
3. In order to further reduce the risk of accidental exposure to an allergen, morning snack and lunch recess will happen PRIOR to eating times.
4. As always, all are encouraged to practice good hygiene to assist in preventing allergen spread by washing their hands before AND after eating.

On behalf of those with life-threatening allergies we thank you for your and your child's assistance in creating an allergen safe environment at school. Should you have any questions regarding STAR Catholic procedures involving Anaphylaxis, information can be found on our STAR website: (AP317 Anaphylactic Allergies)

<https://www.staratholic.ab.ca/division/documents#>