



ST ANNE'S IS NUT FREE!!

Our school has several children with life threatening allergies to peanuts/tree nuts and peanut/tree nut products. With most food allergies, the allergic person merely needs to avoid eating these foods. However, youngsters with a peanut/tree nut allergy can have a severe allergic reaction merely by touching an object that has peanut/tree nut residue or by inhaling minute peanut/tree nut particles that have become airborne.

It is for the safety of these children that St. Anne's has been a "peanut/tree nut free" school since September 2, 2014. **This means that peanut/tree nut products or any food products containing peanuts/tree nuts are no longer permitted in the building.** This includes the lunchroom, classrooms, auditorium, and any other space that our children utilize.

We have had a dramatic increase in the number of students with food allergies. In an effort to promote the safest possible environment for all of our students, baked goods are not permitted for classroom celebrations. Class celebrations may include coming to class to read, sending in fresh fruit or vegetables, or providing non-food items such as stickers or novelty pencils. Please check with your child's classroom teacher about what is appropriate to bring or send prior to a celebration.

Thank you for putting the health and safety of all our children ahead of any inconvenience these precautionary measures may cause.

Sincerely,

Gene Fennell, Principal