

Students with Food Allergies

St. Bonaventure Catholic School

Dear Families of St. Bonaventure Catholic School,

This letter is to communicate St. Bonaventure Catholic School's approach to safeguarding students with food allergies, particularly with allergies to peanuts and tree nuts. In order for all in our community to feel safe, we request that families *refrain from sending peanut and tree nut products to school in order to protect students from the unnecessary risk of anaphylaxis.*

A "Food Allergy" brochure published by the American Academy of Allergy Asthma & Immunology is available in the school office for your reference. The brochure describes the symptoms, allergic reactions and seriousness of allergy-induced anaphylaxis.

"Anaphylaxis (pronounced an-a-fi-LAK-sis) is a serious allergic reaction that happens very quickly. Without immediate treatment – an injection of epinephrine (adrenalin) and expert care – anaphylaxis can be fatal."

Of additional interest might be the information posted on the *American Academy of Allergy Asthma & Immunology* website www.aaaai.org.

Thank you for your support in helping to safeguard our students, particularly those with food allergies.

Blessings,

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