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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Certain food and latex allergies can be potentially life threatening. Several children in our school have these serious allergies. Any contact with the offending food or latex item can cause a severe reaction in these students.

The following foods contribute to 90% of the food allergies found in children: nuts, peanuts, milk, eggs, fish, shellfish, wheat and soy.

Latex is not normally a food item, however it can be found in chewing gum. Latex can be in many common children's products including balloons, erasers, balls, paint, markers, glue and plastic bags.


We urge you to send food to school only for your child. It should not be shared.

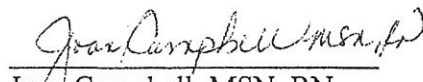
We also advise parents to speak with your child about not sharing food items at school. Sharing foods is not a healthy practice in any case.

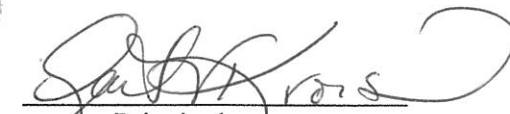
In regard to items that may contain latex, do not send these items to be shared by other students.

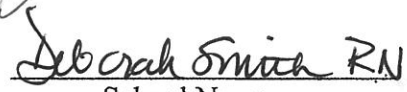
For any questions about this policy, please call or see the School Nurse.

By working together to carefully plan school related activities, we can continue to have a safe environment for all. Thank you for your cooperation. Please contact us with any questions.


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