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Dear Parents:

In our efforts to keep you informed with important matters at Orefield Middle School, we want you to be aware that there are some students in your child's class who have serious peanut/nut allergies. A child with a serious peanut allergy can suffer a reaction merely by touching a peanut-containing food. Therefore, we are putting the following safety guidelines into effect:

- Please do not send any peanuts, peanut butter, other nuts, or food containing peanuts, peanut butter, or other nuts to be eaten as snacks in the classroom. These items cannot be distributed in the classroom due to safety concerns. It is fine to send these products for lunch, which is eaten in the cafeteria.
- Please stay in accordance with the new Parkland School District Wellness Policy. We will try to keep the food at holiday celebrations to a minimum. As with birthday parties, we must be extremely careful about the ingredients in all of the food items. Please do not enclose candy or other food treats with holiday cards.
- If students are bringing food items into the classroom that they will be sharing with others, the food must be pre-packaged and contain a label with the contents and nutritional facts. These arrangements should be made with your child's teacher in advance.

Middle school students typically have a better understanding of their allergies and the precautions that need to be taken. However, your assistance in maintaining a safe environment is appreciated. This is a learning process for all of us, but we trust that you understand how deeply important it is to respect and adhere to these guidelines. If throughout the course of the year you have any questions or concerns about food-allergy-related issues, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We wish you and your family a safe and healthy school year.

Sincerely,

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