

St. Aloysius School
33 South Avenue
New Canaan, CT 06840

St. Aloysius is a Peanut/Nut Free School

PEANUT/NUT POLICY LETTER 2018-2019

Date:

Dear Parents:

There are several students in our school who have life threatening airborne allergies to Peanuts and other Nuts

Exposure of a peanut/nut allergic child to peanuts/nuts or peanut/nut products can cause anaphylactic shock, throat swelling and death within minutes. Some children need to ingest the peanut/nut to react, but others merely need to smell the peanuts/nuts to get enough of the allergen to react. Traces of peanut butter or nuts from a granola bar can be left on desktops, door knobs or water fountains and contact with this from the allergic child could be fatal.

If one of these children comes in contact with peanuts/nuts or peanut/nut products, he or she must be given an injection of epinephrine immediately and taken to the emergency room. This is a very frightening experience for the child and a continuous worry of their parents and our teachers.

For the safety of these children, we are asking parents to refrain from sending in any foods with peanuts/nuts or nut products such as oils. Please read all labels well. We realize the inconvenience to some, but it is a small step to take to avoid a preventable, life-threatening injury to one of our children.

We appreciate your understanding, cooperation and prayers.

FISH ALLERGY Notice for Grade 2

One of our second grade students has a severe fish allergy that is tactile, which means, similar to the airborne allergy described above, the student can have a life threatening reaction just by touching objects that another student touched who was eating fish. For the safety of this student, we ask that second graders not bring any fish (tuna, sardine, salmon etc.) to school. Again, we recognize the inconvenience and appreciate your cooperation.

If you have any questions, Please contact Kim Hogan. Thank You
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