



San Marco Catholic School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Re: Allergy Awareness: *SAN MARCO C.S. IS AN ALLERGY AWARE SCHOOL and a FRAGRANCE/SCENT SAFE SCHOOL*

Your cooperation and support is needed to ensure the safety of students in our school who have a life-threatening allergy.

These students may be allergic to peanuts, peanut butter, peanut oil, nuts and/or all nut by products. If a food with any nuts or nut-products is ingested or comes in contact with these children, the allergic reaction could be fatal within minutes. An allergic reaction could occur by touching a surface that has come in contact with a peanut/nut product.

Besides peanuts or other nut products, there may also be children in class with other allergies that could threaten a child's safety. Teachers will post allergies and inform the class in order to maintain a healthy, safe environment for all.

We are requesting that lunches and snacks **not contain nuts and/or nut products or foods that are made in a facility that is not nut safe. Also, please do not send food products to school to be shared or distributed among classmates.**

Our staff has been in-serviced regarding the serious nature of life-threatening allergies and the steps that may need to be taken in the event of an anaphylactic reaction. As well, our school has developed an **Allergy Awareness Plan**, should an emergency arise. Teachers will be reviewing this plan with students.

With your support and cooperation, we hope to avoid any life-threatening emergency situations and to continue ensuring the health and safety of everyone at San Marco Catholic School.

SAN MARCO CATHOLIC SCHOOL has been designated as a Fragrance/Scent Safe School.

Exposure to fragrances and scented products can trigger serious health reactions in individuals with asthma, allergies, migraines, or chemical sensitivities.

Fragrances and scents are found in a wide range of products including but not limited to perfume, aftershave, deodorant, soap, shampoo and conditioners, lotions/creams, air fresheners, fabric softeners, laundry detergents, facial tissues, and candles.

We ask that you refrain from wearing fragrances or scented products when working or visiting the school, even if your visit will be short.

If you are wearing a fragrance or scented product, please note this in the sign in binder and wait to speak to school Administration before leaving the office area.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Ms. R. Gravina

Principal

