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Catholic School

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September 12, 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Re: Prevalent Student Medical Conditions

I am sending you this letter on behalf of our school community to seek your cooperation in ensuring the health and safety of all the children in our school family.

A number of children in our school have a condition called **Anaphylaxis**. This severe allergic condition can result in death for the child. It is vital that we join together to ensure that our school is a safe, secure place where all the children can come and be protected. In this instance, we have a student/students who is/are allergic to tree nuts/peanuts.

It is requested that parents of all students do not pack any foods or send food items containing tree nuts and/or peanuts; nor any nut substitute spreads such as **Wow Butter, Sesame Butter, etc.** Although nut substitute spreads do not contain peanuts (or any of its derivatives) and is safe for students who have peanut allergies, it is too difficult for staff to distinguish it from peanut butter. These nut substitute spreads limit our ability to keep students safe and therefore are not allowed. All students, staff and visitors at our school must adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Snacks are not to be shared with other students.
2. Utensils are not to be shared with other students.
3. Hands are to be washed after eating anything that may contain allergen products. Traces of the allergen can get on the bus seats or playground equipment, desks and personal belongings.

Thank you for your cooperation and support regarding this matter. At Notre Dame School we are blessed to be able to count on all of our school families to help us create and maintain a safe, secure school environment for all our children. As always, if you have any questions or concerns about this subject, please feel free to contact me at the school office at your convenience.

For more information regarding specific School Board policies or procedures concerning specific medical conditions, please visit: <http://www.bhncdsb.ca/>.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mary Leonard, Principal