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Dear Parent/Guardian of Student with Life Threatening Peanut Allergies:

St. Francis of Assisi School's lunch menu is peanut free. However, our cafeteria is not a peanut free environment. We do our best to provide a safe environment for students with peanut allergies.

The 2020-2021 Return to Learn plan includes many changes to keep our school environment in compliance with current CDC and DHS guidelines. We have added lunch shifts to accommodate social distancing and all students will eat with their homeroom class during the current COVID-19 pandemic. Students with allergies in grades K-2 will be assigned a seat at the end of the table. Students eating a school lunch will be seated next to and across from allergy students to ensure the food around them is peanut free. This creates a safe zone for the student to enjoy their lunch.

We feel that this is the safest possible location for your student to eat, considering not only their developmental age, but the developmental ages of ALL students in the cafeteria at this time. While your student might understand the ramifications of exposure to peanuts and how to manage his/her allergy situation, other students at this age most likely do not.

St. Francis School lunch staff will be responsible for cleaning all lunchroom tables, including disinfecting tables between lunch shifts.

In grades 3-8, the parent/guardian may choose to allow their student to eat lunch at any spot at the homeroom lunch table if they sign the waiver. At this age, students may change their location at the cafeteria tables based on location of students that have peanut/peanut products in their lunch. We have found that students at these developmental ages are able to manage their environment in the cafeteria more effectively and independently. However, students in these grades also have the option to sit at an assigned seat at the end of the table.

All parents of students with allergies are asked to complete the safe table form. For students in grades K-2 who have completed the peanut desensitization program, you can sign the waiver to have your child sit at a seat they choose at their homeroom table.

Please contact us if you have further questions or concerns regarding this policy.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Riedl
School Nutrition Director