



# Visitation School

## H E A L T H O F F I C E

Please know that Visitation School continues to remain attentive to all our students with health challenges of any sort. Although no one can guarantee that a medical emergency will never happen, our goal is to continue to provide a safe learning environment for all members of our community.

In this notification, we would like to focus on the importance of our student population with peanut allergies and would like to share with you Visitation's role in providing a peanut aware environment and your role as parents of students attending Visitation. To help us meet our goal of remaining peanut/nut aware, we ask that you take a moment to carefully read over this information.

### **All Parents:**

Please remain mindful and respectful of those students diagnosed with peanut/nut allergies whose reactions to those products may be life threatening. We ask for your awareness and cooperation when bringing food items to school. **Please do not bring or send to school, with your child, items to share with other students that contain peanuts/nuts.**

### **Visitation School will:**

- Direct Faculty/Staff **not** to distribute peanuts/nuts to students in classrooms or offices.
- Continue to label clearly entrees, salads and desserts that contain peanuts/nuts or peanut products.
- Limit the frequency of desserts containing peanuts or peanut butter.
- Identify a core team of, but not limited to, school nurse, teacher, Admin team, food service director and counselor to work with students and maintain a prevention and intervention plan.
- Ensure that all faculty/staff who interact with students diagnosed with peanut/nut allergies on a regular basis, understand food allergies, can recognize symptoms, and know what to do in an emergency.
- Continue the peanut free table in the dining room for those students with peanut allergies and allow bag lunches from home for those students with a documented diagnosis.
- Review food allergy awareness, administration of an Epi-pen and emergency procedures during workshop week for all employees.
- **Please note:** Any and all communication regarding food allergies and/or any other health issues will come directly from the Health Office when deemed appropriate.

If your child has an allergy, it is essential that you discuss your child's condition with the School Nurse. Visit the Health Office web page at [www.visitation.net/health](http://www.visitation.net/health) for updated information on food allergies.

We thank you for your cooperation in helping make Visitation a healthy and safe learning environment for all.

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*Non Scholae, Sed Vitae: Not for School, but for Life*