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St. Anthony of Padua School Snack Policy Grades Pre-K3 through 8th

Daily Snacks

Students in preschool through fifth grade are allowed a healthy morning snack that is provided by parents. Food and drinks high in sugar are not permitted. The school does NOT provide snacks during the school day.

We are committed to providing a safe learning environment for all of our students. Included in this is the protection of students with allergies that span the spectrum, from slight to severe, life-threatening reactions. **It is recommended that all food to be shared with other students should be commercially prepared, prepackaged, unopened and, when possible, individually wrapped. In addition to this we ask that any snacks to be shared are nut-free. Homemade foods are not permitted as we cannot guarantee cross-contamination won't occur.**

Any food from home should not require refrigeration or any special care. All food should be properly wrapped. Since there are students that have special diets to prevent allergic reactions, we ask that students do not share any food.

Birthday/Holiday Snacks

St. Anthony's recognizes that it is important to celebrate the students' birthdays, but we ask that parents follow the following guidelines to ensure a safe and fun celebration can be had by all. Birthdays will be celebrated according to the teacher's schedule and judgement of the office.

A snack may be brought for a birthday, using the following guidelines:

- **The date is cleared with the student's teacher no less than 2 days in advance.**
 - Notification is needed to notify parents of those students with allergies
 - If notice is not given we will save the treat for the next school day.
- **Teachers will have a list of all the allergies in the classroom. Please ask for this.**
 - We ask that if there are severe or extensive allergies for a child or children in your child's class, bringing something that the child with the allergies can have.
- No candles or anything that requires cutting of any kind are permitted.
 - Do not send a cake
- No soft drinks or juices. We ask that you keep it to water or milk.
- No items may be brought in that contain nut products. **Please check all labels on store bought items for nuts, or traces of nuts.**
- All items must be labeled with the student's name and date.
- **I must check all birthday and holiday snacks before being sent to the classroom.**

Thank you for your assistance in keeping our students safe. If you need any ideas, or have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

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