

# St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic School

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## Nut/Peanut Allergy Notice



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our St. Marguerite Bourgeoys School community has a number of children with peanut/nut allergies. For some of these students, their allergic reaction to peanuts/nuts is produced by mere smell or peanut/nut residue left on a desk, door knob or fountain by a student who had eaten food with the contaminant. An allergic reaction for a student with anaphylaxis can include difficulty breathing to the point that the student may become asphyxiated. This can be life threatening.

Our school community needs to ensure the safety of all its students and provide those children with this severe allergy a safe learning environment. As such, parents are to ensure that their children do not bring any food items containing peanuts/nuts to school for snacks and lunches. This includes products such as "Wow Butter", as it can be difficult to decipher such products from real peanut butter. Students are asked to wash their faces, hands, and brush their teeth if they have been exposed to peanuts/nuts or their byproducts for breakfast prior to coming to school. As a further preventative step, parents are asked to refrain from bringing food to the school for special events, such as cupcakes, baked goods, or cakes for birthdays and holidays.

As our school community embarks on a new school year, we are continuing to endeavour to make the school a safe environment for all our students and we greatly appreciate your cooperation and support. With your help, our students will continue to develop their concern, compassion and empathy for all the individuals in the school.

Sincerely,

Mr. C. Minutillo  
Principal

Mr. C. Gencarelli  
Vice Principal