



CLASSROOM TREATS AND PARTIES

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Students who wish to bring birthday or other treats should make arrangements with the teacher. Invitations for home birthday parties must not be passed out at school unless ALL students (or all boys or all girls) are included. Classroom parties will be held for Halloween, Christmas and Valentine's Day for Grades K-8. If a student is bringing valentines to school for the Valentine's Day party, valentines will need to be distributed to ALL students in his/her class. Room Parents will be asked to plan the parties with the respective classroom teachers. Some classrooms are peanut/nut free. If this pertains to your child's classroom, a letter will be sent home with them. Classroom helpers must comply with the diocesan Safe and Sacred policy and have a background check. These are on line and through CMG. Information is emailed, in the office or on the website, stjbcatholic.com

OUTSIDE FOOD/TREATS

Many children are allergic to foods, and peanuts and other nuts are the most common and most serious offenders. There are a few children in St. John the Baptist School who demonstrate a moderate to severe reaction to nuts. All teachers will be educated about the risk of food allergies.

Prevention: Avoid the triggers. Obviously the parents and children with a food allergy know not to have nuts around. Considerate classmates and their parents will not bring nuts, peanut butter, or foods containing nuts into the classroom. If a child must bring foods containing nuts into the classroom, be sure the foods are adequately labeled. Children with food allergies generally know which foods to avoid. Unfortunately, sharing of foods and the inadvertent mixing of foods between children in school is very common. Also, some children can have a life-threatening reaction to just a fraction of a peanut. Please be especially conscious of avoiding classroom treats containing nuts or nut products. For any questions you can feel free to call the school office or your child's classroom teacher prior to sending treats to share with others.

St. John the Baptist Hot Lunch Program is peanut/nut free.