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September 3, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

## Re: Allergy Awareness: SAN MARCO C.E.S. IS AN ALLERGY AWARE SCHOOL.

Your cooperation and support is needed to ensure the safety of students in our school who have a life-threatening allergy.

These students may be allergic to peanuts, peanut butter, peanut oil, nuts and/or all nut by products. If a food with any nuts or nut-products is ingested or comes in contact with these children, the allergic reaction could be fatal within minutes. An allergic reaction could occur by touching a surface that has come in contact with a peanut/nut product.

Besides peanuts or other nut products, there may also be children in class with other allergies that could threaten a child's safety. Teachers will post allergies and inform the class in order to maintain a healthy, safe environment for all.

We are requesting that lunches and snacks <u>not contain nuts and/or nut products or foods that are</u> <u>made in a facility that is not nut safe.</u> Also, please do not send food products to school to be shared <u>or distributed among classmates.</u>

Our staff has been in-serviced regarding the serious nature of life-threatening allergies and the steps that may need to be taken in the event of an anaphylactic reaction. As well, our school has developed an **Allergy Awareness Plan**, should an emergency arise. Teachers will be reviewing this plan with students. With your support and cooperation, we hope to avoid any life-threatening emergency situations and to continue ensuring the health and safety of everyone at San Marco Catholic School.

Sincerely,

Ms. R. Gravina Principal



