Classroom Food and Allergen Policy

Every Child Safe – Classroom Allergen Policy
Saint Hilary School prides itself on being a safe, welcoming and inclusive community for all its students and families. The following policy has been put in place to ensure that the school remains a safe and welcoming atmosphere for all students within our community: “Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.”  Philippians 2:3-4

Classroom projects and celebrations
Classroom projects and celebrations are a special time for children, but can be a difficult time for a child with a severe food allergy. Within our small community, there are children whose exposure to certain foods may result in severe discomfort, hospitalization or even death. Because we are a community-minded school, we believe that it is incumbent upon us to help protect those within our community, especially within each of our smaller classroom communities.

In line with this belief, the school will collect information regarding food allergies present within each classroom at the beginning of each school year. The teacher will then notify the parents that a student within the classroom community has a documented food allergy or food intolerance and that all classroom and grade level celebrations and projects will ensure everyone can participate regardless of dietary restrictions.

*The teacher will send out a list of foods that are safe and welcome for any celebration or project within your classroom community.* Additionally, classroom communities are encouraged to consider non-food items for celebrations, such as stickers, pencils, a book or game for the classroom. *We are a community and we hope everyone works to ensure all students, parents and teachers feel welcome and included.*

The administration acknowledges that this may be cumbersome for some parents and classroom communities but believes that we are a community that can embrace this challenge, especially as we are reminded of Matthew 25:40 in which the King replies “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” If, however, you have any questions or concerns about this policy, parents are encouraged to speak with the administration.

Birthdays, Celebrations and Sugar oh my!
To align with our school’s Healthy Student Initiative, birthdays will be celebrated monthly. Room parents will coordinate with the teacher as to what day the celebration will take place and what will be brought in by the parents for the children. All foods brought into the classroom must be respectful of the identified allergens of the classroom and in accordance with the Every Child Safe – Classroom Allergen Policy set forth above.

For birthday and other special class celebrations it is always fun to enjoy a special treat. However, the faculty and staff will not provide candy during the school day. On campus fundraisers (e.g. bake sales) will work to have healthy alternatives to ensure we respect the goals of *student safety and all things in moderation.*

If you have any questions or concerns about this policy, please speak with your homeroom teacher or the principal.