

St. Aloysius Catholic School

No-Nut Policy P.O. Box 522 52 Church Street (end of Convent St.) Gilbertville, MA 01031 413-477-1268

There are students at St. Aloysius Catholic School have a life-threatening food allergy to peanuts and tree nuts (almonds, cashews, walnuts, Brazil nuts, macadamia nuts, pine nuts, hazelnuts etc..) Strict avoidance (not being around the food) is the only way to prevent a life-threatening allergic reaction. We ask for your assistance in keeping these students safe.

If exposed to peanuts or tree nuts, by eating or touching, the students may develop a life-threatening allergic reaction that might result in death. To reduce the risk and maintain safety for these children, St. Aloysius Catholic School will become an allergen—safe zone. *Please do not send any products containing peanuts or tree nuts with your child to school.* Many foods you would not think contain peanuts or tree nuts actually do. The best way to determine whether or not the food contains peanuts or tree nuts is to carefully read both the ingredient labels to see if peanuts or tree nuts are a listed ingredient, and the allergy alerts located on the product packaging. For example, the allergy alerts may read:

- ...may contain traces of peanuts or tree nuts
- ...produced on machinery that also processes peanuts or tree nuts
- ...produced in a facility that processes peanuts or tree nuts

While we know this is an extra step, your help is needed, due to the seriousness of the consequences.

Any exposure to peanuts or tree nuts may cause a severe allergic reaction. If your child has eaten peanuts or tree nuts before school, please be sure your child's hands and face have been thoroughly washed with warm water and soap prior to coming to school. Soap and water is the best way to remove food residue from the hands.

Please complete and return this form so we know every family has received this information. If you have any questions, please contact us at d.rudnansky@staloysiuscs.com.

I have read and understand this letter. I agree to do my part in keeping the school safe for all students.

Child(ren)s Names	
Parent Signature	Date: