



Home of the

Wildcats

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Dear CJHS Parent/Guardian:

This letter is to inform you that there are students at CJHS who have severe food allergies to tree nuts and peanuts. Tree nuts include pistachios, almonds, Brazil nuts, hazelnuts, walnuts, cashews, pecans, macadamia, chestnuts, pine nuts, hickory nuts and coconut. Exposure to these allergens could cause life-threatening reactions.

It is our goal to ensure that every student in our school is safe. Our District has adopted a policy for managing students with food allergies. Our policy is in compliance with Public Act 96-0349 and meets guidelines created by the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Because these students cannot be in contact with foods containing these allergens, we are requesting that you not send these foods to school for snacks or treats or in your child's lunch. Even trace amounts of these allergens could result in a severe and life-threatening reaction. Sometimes these elements may be hidden in processed foods.

Please take a moment to discuss the following with your child:

- Do not offer, share or exchange any foods with other students at school.
- Hand washing with soap and water, after eating, is necessary to decrease the chance of cross-contamination on surfaces at school.
- If your child rides a bus, remind them that there is a "no eating on the bus" policy.
- The six tables in the cafeteria that are closest to the kitchen are designated "Peanut and Tree Nut Free".

Thank you for your consideration and help in this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Daniel Mair, Principal
East Peoria Central Junior High