

**Jackson Central-Merry  
Early College High School**

August 16, 2018

Dear Parents:

The safety of our students is one of my top priorities as your principal. I know that this is also your concern as a parent. Because of this, our School Health and Food Services Department has suggested that the best way to provide a safe environment for our students with life threatening peanut/nut allergies is to implement a “Peanut Free/Nut Free” building. Food allergies are a major health concern at our school because students may experience severe allergic reactions caused by food products being brought to school. As a result, we will not allow any homemade goods which contain peanuts/nuts to be brought to or served at JCM-ECH. If you pack a lunch for your child and include a snack, please take the peanut/nut allergies of other students into consideration and avoid packing known foods that contain nuts/peanuts in your child’s lunch bag. Please understand the necessity of this decision.

Our school has several students who have severe peanut/nut allergies. Any of these students can suffer from a reaction merely by touching a peanut/nut-containing food. Therefore, we are putting the following safety guidelines into effect:

- \* Please do not send any peanuts, peanut butter or foods containing peanuts or peanut butter to be eaten as snacks in the classroom and cafeteria.
- \* We will not be doing any classroom projects that involve peanut butter or peanut shells. Please do not send any of these projects into the classroom with your child.
- \* If your child ate peanut butter for breakfast, we would appreciate you making sure that his/her hands are washed with soap and water before leaving for school.
- \* Please do not send any home-baked goods that could contain peanuts/nuts.
- \* Important: Due to continual changes in manufacturer packaging and processing, please read the ingredient label of your snack to ensure that it does not contain any of the following...peanuts/nuts, peanut/nut butter, peanut/nut oil, peanut/nut flour, peanut/nut meal, or any of the statements “may contain traces of peanuts/nuts” or “Manufactured in a facility that also processes peanuts (and/or other nuts)”.

This is a learning process for all of us, but we trust that you understand how deeply important it is to respect and adhere to these guidelines. If throughout the course of the year you have any questions or concerns about food-allergy-related issues, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Sincerely,

Nathan Lewis, Principal