



## Health and Safety

# ANNUNCIATION SCHOOL IS AN ALLERGEN-AWARE ENVIRONMENT

In accordance with the BC Ministry of Education's Anaphylaxis Protection Order (M232/07), and CISPG Policy #575 regarding Anaphylaxis, Annunciation School is designated "**allergen-aware**", with the primary goal of maintaining a safe environment for all students.

- There are students in our school with **life-threatening allergies to nuts**. A severe reaction can be triggered by eating any amount of the allergen, or by touching trace amounts left on objects by others. Some reactions can also be triggered by smelling the allergen (especially nuts/peanut butter).
- We recognize that these allergens are present in a multitude of foods, often in "hidden" quantities. The school does not expect to eliminate all food allergens.
- Our primary goal is to provide a safe learning environment for every child. We recognize that the safest way to protect these children is by promoting avoidance and establishing daily cleaning procedures.
- We ask for your assistance by requesting that, whenever possible, parents avoid sending nuts in snacks and lunches.
- Students with nut products in their lunches will eat in designated areas that will be carefully cleaned.
- All students will be educated regarding allergies as well as the importance of frequent hand-washing. They will be reminded not to share food items or utensils.

We realize that this poses an inconvenience for you when packing your child's snack and lunch. Thank you for your support and understanding of this potentially life-threatening situation.