

POLICY FOR FOOD IN THE CLASSROOM  
(including birthday treats)

To ensure the health and safety of every student in our school, the Faculty and Administration of St. Peter Catholic School are adopting the following policies regarding food in the classroom:

**BIRTHDAYS:** Students will not be allowed to bring edible birthday treats into the classroom to celebrate their birthdays. Non-edible items, such as stickers or pencils, are allowed to be brought into the classroom, provided there is one item for every child in the class.

**NEW THIS YEAR:** Students will be called to the office over the intercom on the day of their birthday, and will receive a Dress-Down Certificate to use on a later date of their choosing. Summer birthdays will be celebrated on pre-arranged dates during the school year!

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS CLASSROOM PARTIES:** Any edible treats that will be passed out for approved school activities, such as classroom parties, **MUST** be individually (each item that will be passed out) wrapped by the manufacturer. The item (or the box that the food item came in) **MUST** also contain a food ingredient label. This allows students with allergies, diabetes, and other diseases to determine if it is an acceptable treat that they can eat. If the student is in a nut-free classroom, **ALL** treats brought in, must be nut-free.

All edible items served at school activities must be discussed with the School Nurse prior to the event and approved by the School Nurse prior to the event. The principal will approve the special event, if needed. The school nurse will approve the edible items. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Any treats that are brought into the school for a school activity and that are not in compliance with this policy will be sent home.

**LUNCHROOM:** Parents may not bring food into the lunchroom, except to provide lunch to their own children (i.e. A parent may not set a chocolate cake in the center of a lunch room table and invite all the students to eat it.).

**CLASSROOM REWARDS:** Teachers may **NOT** distribute food of any type, including candy and suckers, as classroom rewards.