Dear Dominion Academy Families,

This year we welcome several students with food allergies to our campus, many of whom have life-threatening allergies. For those who have not dealt with food allergies before, it is important to understand that food smells and proteins can fill the learning environment where students spend most of their time. Therefore, Dominion Academy has chosen to become an "allergy-aware" campus to create a healthy learning environment for all students. We ask for your help and cooperation in keeping all our students safe.

We have put the following practices in place to help prevent allergic reactions:

- 1. All rooms at Dominion Academy are now peanut and tree nut free spaces. This means:
 - \checkmark We are asking families to refrain from bringing any nut products to school.
 - \checkmark There will be no nuts or nut products kept in the cafeteria.
 - \checkmark Classroom projects must be free of all nuts, peanut butter, and peanut shells.
- 2. Parents/caregivers will be notified of specific allergens to keep out of their child's

classroom (however, all health information, including student allergy information, will remain confidential). It is our hope that families choose not to send foods containing peanut butter or nuts.

3. There may be special days and occasions that students may want to bring a snack to share. Please call the school for "allergy safe" suggestions, or consider sending a non-food item for the class to enjoy together (such as a book or game) instead.

I am looking forward to working with you to create a wonderful year for everyone. If you have any questions regarding our allergy-aware campus, please call 937-270-1989.

Sincerely, Tonya Minge, BSN, RN, CHPN School Nurse for Dominion Academy 937-270-1989