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Dear Parent and Guardians:

Food and fragrance allergies are a major health issue and must be taken very seriously, and it has always been the policy of this school to make the safety and well-being of our students and staff our top priority.

Though your child may not directly have a class or ride the bus with a student and/or staff member who has allergies, their inadvertent behavior can still cause a problem for such a student and/or staff member. For example, if a student sprayed a fragrance in the locker room before they leave, it could still affect a student and/or staff member who entered the locker room for the next class. The same type of situation could occur in a hallway if a substance were to be sprayed there and someone was to pass by the area where a fragrance had been sprayed. A person with a serious fragrance allergy can suffer a reaction merely by breathing in certain odors or fragrances that may be used by other people around them. Therefore, we are putting the following safety guidelines into effect:

- Please do not send any fragrances, fragrant lotions, perfumes, or sprays to be used by your child in school.
- When your child has physical education, please do not send them with a fragrant deodorant. A solid or roll-on, non-fragrant deodorant is acceptable.
- Problem areas are often the locker room and the bus as these are areas of activity where students are in close proximity. Please reinforce with your child that they especially may not use these items in either of these locations.

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 or fragrance allergy-related issues, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Mike Parker

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