Allergy Disclaimer School Lunches

In the Oakland Christian School lunch program, we understand your concerns about potential allergens in the foods your students eat. Our primary goal is to provide accurate information on the packaging of each product. To do this, we carefully manage the ingredients we buy and how we prepare our products. We do not use Nuts or Tree nuts in any preparations for our school lunch program.

While we take extreme cautions to minimize the risk of cross contamination, we cannot guarantee that any of our products are safe to consume for people with milk, egg or wheat allergies. However, even when it is not required by local regulation, if there is a risk to allergic consumers due to the presence of a major allergen in a product, we will declare its presence on the packaging of that product. The allergens that we will always declare are:

- Egg
- Milk
- Fish
- Wheat
- Soybeans
- Sesame seed or traces of nuts and tree nuts

We do everything we can to eliminate unintentional allergens, and we only use the 'may contain' statement when there is a real risk, albeit low, to an allergic consumer.

Both 'contains' and 'may contain' mean that if you are sensitive to the specific allergen(s), no matter which way it is listed on the package, you should avoid the product.

If you have allergy concerns, it is important to carefully read the information on <u>each</u> package. Ingredient and allergen information listed on a package is only for the food contained in that package. It is not intended for other packages even of what appears to be the same product. Ingredients may vary from one package to another due to product reformulation or where the product is produced.

In our kitchen, we make every effort to identify ingredients that may cause allergic reactions for those individuals with food allergies. Items marked gluten friendly are made with no gluten-containing ingredients. Effort is made to instruct our food production staff on the severity of food allergies. However, there is always a risk of contamination. There is also a possibility that manufacturers of the commercial foods we use could change the formulation at any time, without notice.

Customers concerned with food allergies need to be aware of this risk. OCS will not assume any liability for adverse reactions to food consumed, or items one may come in contact with while eating our products.

Please contact **sales@oaklandchristian.com** if you have specific questions or concerns about any of our products.