



SYRACUSE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Jaime Alicea, Superintendent of Schools

**The Syracuse Latin School
Hughes Elementary School**

Kelly Manard, Principal

September 6, 2017

Dear Syracuse Latin Families,

Birthday celebrations are an exciting part of any child's life! ***We have adopted a policy of NON-FOOD birthday celebrations.*** This will assist our teachers in keeping ALL students safe from allergens and ensure all students are included in celebrating their birthdays.

You should contact your child's teacher for various ideas for non-food birthday celebration ideas. We have provided a few ideas below.

- Pencils / Fun Erasers
- Stickers
- Small goody bags (no food / candy included)
- Be a "Mystery Reader"
- Coordinate with the teacher to do a fun craft in the classroom
- Have lunch with your child in the cafeteria

Please know that we recognize the importance of a child's birthday and it is not our intent to take the fun out of this special day. Our teachers and staff will recognize students on their special day in other ways that do not include food items.

Additionally, we will be limiting food used in other celebrations throughout the year such as Fall Harvest, Winter Holidays, Valentine's Day, etc. Teachers will work specifically with room parents or classroom volunteers if something specific is needed for a classroom event. Daily classroom snack will continue to be provided by SCSD Food Services from Wegmans. Individual teachers will communicate with families in regards to any additional classroom snack needs.

Thank you in advance for your flexibility as we work to ensure the health and safety of all students.

Sincerely,

Kelly Manard, Principal
Syracuse Latin & Hughes Elementary