

Serve - Nourish - Love



St. Mary's School Lunch Program

Welcome to all new families and welcome back to our returning families. Our food service staff is excited to once again see your student in the abbey lunchroom. We are ready to embark on a wonderful adventure this 2023-2024 school year. Our program is committed to meeting the nutritional needs of each student. We continue to offer meals which consist of reduced fat proteins and milk, whole grain breads, fresh fruit and vegetable choices (from Michigan growers if possible) and items with lower sodium and sugar content.

This year we continue to operate under the standard National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Our pricing for a complete meal this year has been determined to be \$3.25. Please note that ala carte pricing will remain the same, extra entree \$2.00, milk \$.75, and water \$.50. Each student will be given the opportunity to purchase a reimbursable meal which consists of a meat/meat alternative, grain, vegetables, milk and fruit. St. Mary's follows an offer vs serve policy. Offer vs serve means that the student must take at least three of the five components offered, one being a fruit or vegetable for it to be considered a reimbursable meal.

We encourage all families to consider completing the application for free & reduced lunch as the threshold for qualifying has undergone revisions. Please complete your application as soon as possible and return to the school office. You will be notified within 24 hours and your benefits will begin immediately. Benefits cannot be backdated.

The funding of your student(s) lunch account will continue to take place in the Infinite Campus System through your parent portal. <https://micloud1.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/grcss.isp> Payments in cash or check may also be sent to the school office, please label with "lunch account" and student's name. If you need access to Infinite Campus or require password assistance please contact Mary Peel in the school office. Please note it is imperative that a student's lunch account remain at a neutral or positive balance. Accounts in arrears \$20 or more will be referred to the business office.

We are currently looking for weekly volunteers to assist with meal service. Please let me know if this is something you would be interested in.

Questions or comments are always welcomed.

Be Nourished,
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