

St. John's Hot Lunch Program 2017-2018

St. John's Hot Lunch Program will begin on August 17, 2016. After July 15 an application for free and reduced-priced meals will be made available in the school office. Families are encouraged to apply for free and reduced lunches because (1) the number of families receiving free and reduced lunches is used as a basis for seeking grants from the federal government; (2) the government reimbursement for free and reduced lunches exceeds what our students pay which helps our program. There is no disclosure of names.

Please complete the application and return to the Hot Lunch Program or the school office by **Tuesday, September 12, 2017**. Families are responsible for lunch payment until applications are approved. Free and reduced-priced meals may be applied for at any time during the school year.

Payment Policy

LUNCHES MUST BE PRE-PAID. Please pay one month in advance. When the lunch account balance becomes low either an email or a note will be sent home with the student reminding the parent to make a payment. ***Students will not be able to continue to have hot lunch with a negative balance.*** ***Generally, the parent will be given up to a 7 day grace period to bring their child's account back to a positive balance. Attention needs to be given to the due date on the notice. During the grace period a child may continue to have hot lunch. The parents will still be charged for each lunch a child receives. This must be kept in mind when making a payment. After the grace period the child will receive only one alternative meal before they are no longer able to enjoy hot lunch until the account is brought back to a positive balance. The USDA does not require the school to feed students whose account balances are in the negative. It is the parent's responsibility to make sure that your children's hot lunch account has a positive balance throughout the school year.*** Please use the monthly schedule below for your payments. Hot lunch cost is \$3.00 per meal which includes milk. Ala carte milk is \$0.50. Guest lunch costs \$3.50. If financial arrangements need to be made, please call Lisa Platt at 402-296-6230.

According to the USDA: (1) foods of minimal nutritional value (2) and/or competitive foods, are not to be available to students 30 minutes prior to or 30 minutes following the lunch period. Please do not send your child to school with pop in their lunch. Milk is available for purchase every day. It is suggested that if you choose to send your child to school with a sack lunch, please remember to give them a nutritious lunch. Students in grades 6-8 are allowed to purchase ala carte seconds with cash after all lunches are served. Under Offer Versus Serve, students in grades K-8 are permitted to decline up to two of the five food components served daily, but are required to choose either a fruit or vegetable as part of their hot lunch. ***If a child forgets his/her lunch card, they MUST still check in at the desk after receiving their hot lunch. In the case of a lost or deliberately folded or bent lunch card the cost is \$2.00 per replacement card.***

If you have any questions, please call Lisa Platt at 402-296-6230

Payment Schedule:

August ---Preschool-----\$27	January-----\$60
---Grades K-8----\$33	February-----\$54
September-----\$54	March-----\$54
October-----\$54	April-----\$54
November-----\$54	May-----\$30
December-----\$36	

Kindergarten--\$477 for the school year

Grades 1-8--\$483 for the school year

Your child/children will not receive a lunch card for the year until there is a positive balance in their account. If you wish to make a level payment of \$50 per month from August-April with May as your reconciliation month, please be sure to let Lisa Platt know.