

CAFETERIA INFORMATION 21-22

Welcome Back!! There are exciting things happening in the Cafeteria this school year. Please read the following Information carefully to learn about snacks, breakfast and lunch procedures.

SNACKS

All students in grades 1st – 6th have the opportunity to purchase snacks during their morning recess before 9:30 a.m.

Daily snack options include fresh fruit cup, cereal bars, dry cereal, cookies, crackers, chips, Chex strawberry yogurt mix, boxed juice, & bottled water. Snacks may change throughout the school year.

All snacks are \$.50 each. Students must pay for their snack each day, they will not be allowed to charge it to their lunch account. Social distancing will be practiced.

BREAKFAST

Breakfast is served every morning in the cafeteria from 7:00 am to 7:30 am. Daily options include a grab and go breakfast which meets the National Breakfast Program requirements. Pre-orders for breakfast are not required. Students will practice social distancing during breakfast.

LUNCH

1. **Cost** – Exciting news for the upcoming school year... ALL KIDS EAT FREE! St Vincent de Paul School is participating in the USDA's National School Lunch Program, "Seamless Summer Option"(SSO) this School year. SSO, while typically only available during the summer months, will continue to extend free breakfast and lunch for every child for the 2021-2022 school year.
2. **Monthly Menu** - A monthly menu will be posted on the school's website. Parents may decide on the days their child will eat lunch in the cafeteria, as well as the specific meal option for each day selected.
3. **Daily Lunch Selections** - Students electing to eat in the cafeteria will have options of either a **hot lunch, salad or sandwich.**

Hot Lunch – The hot lunch item will vary daily and will be indicated on the lunch menu.

Salad - Daily options include a tossed salad and grilled chicken salad in addition to any specialty item that will be indicated on the monthly menu. All salads are made fresh each morning.

Salads come with an egg, cheese, tomato, carrots, croutons and crackers with ranch dressing.

Sandwich– Daily options include grilled chicken and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

All options will be served the daily vegetable as indicated on the menu along with milk. Students will also have their choice of the daily fruit and a 4 oz. juice (orange, grape, or apple), which will be selected as he/she goes through the lunch line.

4. **Lunch Procedure** - During morning attendance, all students planning to eat in the cafeteria, including those that may have forgotten their lunch box, will give the classroom teacher his/her selection for that day, which will be turned into the office/cafeeteria as part of the daily count.

Students will enter the lunch line in alphabetical order, per class. Social Distancing will be practiced. After receiving their lunch, students will present their lunch to the attendant and proceed to the lunch table.

5. **A la Carte Items/Extra food sales** - Items will be available for students. Bottled water is \$.50 each, Main entrée item is \$1.50, PB&J is \$1.00, any side item such as veggies, fries or fruit is \$.75

Lunch Accounts and Payments

For A la Carte items, each student will have a lunch account set up through FACTS. Login information will be provided at registration and will be available through the front office. Parents are encouraged to monitor their child's lunch account often. All cafeteria transactions, will be reflected in this account and will indicate credit balances available or balances due (shown as a negative). Payments should be made at the beginning of each month.

Individual lunch account payment options are as follows:

1. **Yearly Payment** –Parents, if they choose to do so, may place money into their child's account at the beginning of the year to cover the cost of A La Carte items during the school year.
2. **Monthly Draft Through FACTS** – Parents also have the option of having money drafted from their bank account through FACTS if they would rather that option. The amount can be added to your FACTS account.
3. **Monthly Payment** – You may also apply a payment to your child's lunch account monthly to the front office. Should you have more than one student, we ask that you indicate each student's student I.D./lunch number and the amount to be applied to their account on the memo line of your check.

IMPORTANT NOTE: WE ARE UNABLE TO CONTINUE TO SERVE A LA CARTE ITEMS TO ANY STUDENT WITH A NEGATIVE BALANCE OF \$10.00 OR MORE. PLEASE MAKE CERTAIN TO MONITOR YOUR CHILD'S BALANCE AND KEEP THEIR ACCOUNT CURRENT. STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO RESUME PURCHASING A LA CARTE ITEMS ONCE BALANCE IS PAID IN FULL.

FREE and REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAM

St. Vincent School participates in the USDA's National School Lunch Program "Seamless Summer Option"(SSO) for the 2021-2022 School year. This program, while typically only available during the summer months, will continue to extend free meals (breakfast and Lunch) to all students during the 2021-2022 school year. This program option maintains the nutrition standards of the standard school meals programs. Nutrition is a cornerstone of learning and St. Vincent de Paul is proud to participate in this program to ensure the nutritional needs of every child are fulfilled; enabling our students to attain their greatest potential.

**Please note that we are still required to complete the free and reduced meal forms as these forms provide the basis for funding under Title I services. Applications will be available throughout the school year. If your family is denied initially and your circumstances change, please contact the office for re-evaluation.

In accordance with Federal Law and USDA policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

Thank you all, and welcome to a new and exciting school year at St. Vincent de Paul School!