

August 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to St Pius X Catholic School Lunch Program. It is our mission to serve nutritious, well balanced meals that are appealing to the students.

Here are some highlights regarding the hot lunch program. Please take a few moments to review them prior to the start of school on August 22, 2011.

**LUNCH PRICES:** The St Pius X School student meal charge will be \$2.10 per day. A visitor adult meal is \$2.50. A child visitor is \$2.25. All meals include one carton of milk. A single carton milk is \$.30 and a single carton juice is \$.35.

**HEALTHY KIDS ACT:** Government guidelines have changed our menu offerings this year. One noticeable change is that desserts can only be served twice per week.

**STUDENT ACCOUNTS:** Each student has an individual lunch account. Parents are asked to make an initial deposit to their child's account and will be notified when the account needs money deposited.

- Every Tuesday afternoon a printed notification of balances at or below \$9.00 is prepared and sent home via the "Wednesday packet."

Student lunch accounts are accessed for lunch, milk and juice.

**SECONDS:** Middle school students may use their accounts to purchase a second entrée for \$.80. Seconds must be ordered with lunch count in the morning. Students who order seconds in the morning will be charged, even if the student decides at lunch that they do not want "seconds."

**DEPOSITS:** Money should be sent to the school office in an envelope marked with your child(ren)'s name and homeroom(s). If a deposit is to be split, please identify each child and the amount for that child. Only one envelope and one check is necessary per family. A receipt is issued at the time of payment.

**FOOD ALLERGIES/SPECIAL DIET:** All information must be provided annually to the school nurse. No exceptions may be made without her approval.

**HOT LUNCH ALTERNATES:** A daily alternate is provided to the menu's lunch entrée. Alternate meals may change. Check each monthly menu for changes.

**MILK:** Milk is one of the 5 components of the lunch program and is included in the daily price for a meal. The choices of milk are: skim chocolate milk, 1% white milk, and skim white milk.

ALA CARTE: The snack items on the ala carte menu have been approved by the Bureau of Food and Nutrition as nutritionally acceptable for sale in an elementary school. These items are not a substitute for a balanced meal, and will be offered only after the school lunch has been served. Ala carte is available daily for purchase by UNIT III students. Ala carte items will be offered to Unit II students on Fridays. Lunchroom monitors will allow students to purchase items only AFTER they have completed their meal. All ala carte items will be paid in cash.

VISITORS: Visitors are welcome to join students for lunch. Visitors are asked to contact the school office by 8am to be included in the daily meal count. We request that no outside food or drink be brought to the lunchroom.

FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS: If you feel your family qualifies for free or reduced price meals, complete the application form and return to the Food Service Director. All information is kept confidential. Applications must be filled out annually and submitted by September 23, 2011.

**VOLUNTEERS: If you are able to join us between 1045am and 1230pm to assist in serving lunch, please contact Mike Mahoney at 276-4241, or email [mmahoney@stpiusxschool.org](mailto:mmahoney@stpiusxschool.org)**

Please refer to the "Hot Lunch" section in the Parent/Student Handbook for further details regarding the Hot Lunch program.

I, along with the food service staff, look forward to serving your children this year. Please contact me with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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