

8/9/2023

Dear ASA families,

At ASA, we know the importance of school meals in fueling both healthy minds and bodies. Even though school meals may look a little different during the 2023-2024 school year, please know that your school nutrition team is working hard to ensure students have safe, nutritious, and appealing meals. This year we are going back to paying for lunch. You can find the [application](#), [instructions](#), & [FAQ](#) for free or reduced lunch on [ASA's website](#), and I encourage all families to fill it out. Lunch costs for a combo meal (entrée, fruit, vegetable, grain, & milk) will be as follows:

EARLY CHILDHOOD: \$2.50

K-8: \$3.00

Governor Whitmer approved a new program "Healthy Meals for All" for the upcoming school year. Unfortunately, she only approved this program for the public schools, not the non-public/private schools in Michigan. Students in the Diocese of Grand Rapids will have to pay for school meals this year. However, families can still qualify for Free/Reduced meals by completing the application for Free/Reduced Meals.

Payments will be made through Infinite Campus Food Service. [You can find directions on how to pay online here](#). **Please note that the Food Service tab is currently active for deposits.** New families and Early Childhood families will receive Infinite Campus login information before the first day of school. If you have any troubles with your Infinite Campus login, please contact Karen Szczytko at kszczytko@asagr.org. If you need help making a payment, please contact the Lower Campus office at lcoffice@asagr.org.

At times, we may not receive expected food orders due to labor shortages (such as delivery drivers) and limited product availability (for example, discontinued products or not enough of a specific type of product). As a result, our lunch team may need to make last-minute changes to the menu or substitute a different brand of a food product. We know that students have favorite menu items and are working hard to provide them whenever possible. We are also thinking ahead to identify alternative food items that are nutritious and appealing for the students. Due to these potential issues, **ASA will continue to post a weekly menu on the [ASA Community Calendar](#).**

If your student has food allergies or a special dietary need, be assured that meeting these needs and keeping your student safe remains a priority for us, and we will continue to provide meal modifications.

Our incredible lunch team understands how important good nourishment is for learning, playing and growing. If your child has any special dietary needs or suggestions, please let us know!

We appreciate your patience, flexibility, and understanding as we work to provide school meals in a challenging and changing environment. Please contact Mary Wieber with any questions, feedback, or suggestions at 616-233-5923 or via e-mail at marywieber@grwestcatholic.org.

Sincerely,

Mary Wieber
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