

St. Agnes School Cafeteria

August, 2017

Cafeteria Hot Lunch Program

The school cafeteria's financial operations (on a **self-supporting** plan) include expenses such as salaries, utilities, insurance, garbage service, food and milk, which are not covered by government subsidy. In order to continue the operation of this program at our school we need your help as parents to encourage your children to eat a nutritiously balanced hot meal daily.

The Hot Lunch Program receives no financial assistance from the church or the school, so this program is totally dependent upon the number of children that eat daily. The government provides some financial assistance and some assistance in commodities which is how we keep the amount of the lunches at a low price. **Please support the hot lunch program.** Thank you.

Lunch Accounts

Monthly menus are distributed to the youngest child in school and posted on the school's website. A Type-A Elementary Lunch is served using the United States Department of Agriculture guidelines.

Each student is provided with a lunch/milk debit card. Parents are encouraged to deposit sufficient funds to cover the cost of their child(ren)'s lunch or milk for the year.

Parents will be given a Family log-in and PIN number to access your family lunch account. Parents can view child(ren)'s lunch activity and family lunch account balance. Parents may also make payments on-line through *Secure Instant Payments*. This is a secure site associated with our Lunch Program software. Parents will be charged a convenience fee for this on-line payment service. If paying by check to the school office, please send check in an envelope marked "Lunch Money" with your child's name and grade on it.

Hot Lunch (includes milk) is **\$2.75** daily and milk is **30¢** a carton for students bringing cold lunch. Extra entrée for hot lunch is **75¢**. When your child uses his/her card for lunch or milk that amount is deducted from the child's account. Lost or damaged lunch account cards will be replaced at a cost of \$2.00. If the student's lunch account balance falls below \$5.00 a notice will be **emailed to parents**. Balances are usually checked twice a week.

Any remaining balance in the account at the end of the school year will be carried over to the next year. Credit balances from graduates will be transferred to the next oldest sibling. Any unpaid negative balance at the end of the school year will result in the student's report card being held.

Nutrition Guidelines

All foods and beverages sold individually (apart from the reimbursable school meal) shall be well-regulated and consistent with the nutritional goals of the St. Agnes Wellness Policy as required by the State. This includes:

- ✦ a la carte offerings in the food service program;
- ✦ food and beverage choices in vending machines, snack bars, school stores;
- ✦ food and beverages sold as part of school-sponsored fundraising activities.

Every effort shall be made to provide nutritious and appealing foods and beverages, such as fruits, vegetables, low-fat dairy foods and whole grain products, wherever and whenever food is sold or otherwise offered at school.

Free and Reduced-Price Lunch Program

Families interested in the Federal Government Free or Reduced-Price Lunch Program may complete the enclosed application and turn it in to the school office. **INCOME INFORMATION ON THIS FORM WILL BE HELD CONFIDENTIAL.** **More information about this Program is on the back.**