

BRAINTREE SCHOOLS FOOD & NUTRITION SERVICES

SUMMER MAILING

For St. Francis of Assisi School

2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LUNCH PRICE HAS CHANGED:

LUNCHES: \$3.00

SUMMER MAILING CONTENTS:

- **Free and Reduced Lunch Information and Application**
- **Prepayment information** (www.myschoolbucks.com)

FALL 2014

Dear Families:

We look forward to a great year of feeding nutritious and delicious meals to your children to support them in performing their best in school!

A few new changes to note for the upcoming school year:

- The price of lunches has changed to \$3.00.
- As with last year, St. Francis students will be asked to take at least one fruit or vegetable with each lunch meal they take. New this year, St. Francis of Assisi School will be participating in the Massachusetts' Farm to School Harvest of the Month project (<http://www.massfarmtoschool.org/>). Students can get "I tried it" stickers when they try a featured item, and fruit and vegetable trading cards will be available. For each of the following months, a locally grown fruit or vegetable will be featured. The fresh crops to look for on the menu will be:
 - September: Tomatoes
 - October: Pears
 - November: Kale
 - December: Carrots
 - January: Apples
 - February: Butternut Squash
 - March: Dairy
 - April: Potatoes
 - May: Seeds and Seedlings
 - June: Strawberries

School meals are a great value and a huge convenience for busy families too! To save you time, payments for meals can be made at www.myschoolbucks.com. Prepayments can also be made with a check made out to Braintree School Food Service or with cash. Payments can also be made on a day to day basis at your child's cafeteria. Again, please note that that price of lunches has changed to \$3.00.

To find out more about our healthy school meals check out our menus on www.braintreeschools.org, your school's website, or contact me at any time at 781-794-8473 or mahrenholz@braintreema.gov.

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Megan Ahrenholz, RD
Director, Food & Nutrition Services

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2014-2015 Prepayment Information

Dear Parents:

Braintree Public School District's Food & Nutrition Services is excited to provide parents a convenient, easy and secure online prepayment service to deposit money into your child's school meal account at any time. This service also provides parents the ability to view your child's account balance, transaction history and receive low balance e-mail notifications through a web site called www.myschoolbucks.com. By having money in each child's account prior to entering the cafeteria, we find the lunch lines move along much faster so your child has more time to eat and be with friends.

Also, parents will have the ability to print out a copy of your child's eating history report. This history report will show you all dates and times that your child has purchased food within the past thirty days.

To access these services:

1. Simply go directly to www.myschoolbucks.com
2. From this site you will create your account and add money to your child's school meal account. All you need is your child's name, student ID number and school ZIP code. **Your child's student ID number can be found by contacting Megan Ahrenholz at 781-794-8473 or mahrenholz@braintreema.gov.**
3. Things to know:
 - If you have more than one child in the District you can handle all online prepayments from the same online account.
 - Payments may be made with a major credit or debit card.
 - In order to use the online prepayment service, a small convenience fee for each transaction will be assessed to cover the bank fees. The convenience fee is \$1.95 per deposit transaction. Parents placing money into multiple meal accounts will only be assessed the \$1.95 fee once per deposit transaction. Braintree School District will not profit from the use of this site.

We are very excited to offer these services, and are confident this system will benefit you, your child and our District. However, if you choose not to take advantage of the online prepayment service you may continue to make advance payments via cash or check, which should be made payable to Braintree School Food Services. Please write your **child's full name & ID number** on the check. **Payments made by check or cash can be sent to your child's school lunchroom at any time.**

If you wish to make a prepayment for lunches only for the entire school year (not including ala carte purchases) the annual payment is \$528.00. Please note that all prepayments are subject to ala carte purchases, which would require payments in addition to the above amount. **If you do not wish your child to purchase ala carte items with the pre-paid account, please write "complete meals only" on the memo line of your check, on a note accompanying the payment** or contact me at the phone number or e-mail listed below. If you previously had restrictions on your child's account, and you would like those removed or changed, please contact me.

Both positive and negative balances will carry over to the next school year. If your child graduates or transfers to another school district any negative balances must be paid. **If you wish to have**

a positive balance refunded you must send a letter or e-mail with your name, your child's name, reason for requesting a refund and an address where the refund can be sent to the Food & Nutrition Services office at the address listed above. **Positive account balances can also be transferred to siblings upon request.**

If you have any questions about these services or wish to learn your child's ID number, please feel free to contact my office at 781-794-8473 or mahrenholz@braintreema.gov.

Best Regards,

Megan Ahrenholz, RD

Director, Food & Nutrition Services