

St. Francis of Assisi School Food and Nutrition Program

Hello parents, guardians and students,

It's hard to believe that school is just about to start! We look forward to having the students back in school. As always, students will have the option to purchase lunch at school. This year, lunch prices will increase \$0.25 for a total of \$3.25 in order to meet regulations set in place by the federal government.

Q: What are the meal prices for the 2016-2017 school year?

A: The cost of lunch for students is \$3.25

Q: My family qualifies for free or reduced lunch, will other children be able to tell?

A: No. All of this information is contained within the schools' point of sale systems. Transactions are completed using student ID numbers, so other students will not be able to identify those receiving free or reduced lunch.

Q: My child qualifies for free or reduced lunch, does this mean that all items are free or reduced?

A: No. Those students who qualify for free or reduced lunch are eligible for **one lunch** at the free or reduced price daily. Any other purchases including second lunches or the purchase of a la carte items will be charged to your child's account.

Q: How can I add money to my child's account?

A: Payments made by check or cash can be sent to your child's school lunchroom at any time. If submitting a check for prepayment, please write your child's full name in the memo line so that the money can be deposited into the correct account. Checks can be made out to Braintree School Food Services. Lost cash cannot be tracked back to your child, so if you would like to submit prepayment in cash, please consider sending it in a labeled envelope. Additionally, students may bring in money and make purchases on a day to day basis.

Q: Can payments be made online?

A: Yes! Online payments are encouraged and can be made by creating an account at www.myschoolbucks.com. In order to create the account you will need your child's student ID number. **Student ID numbers can be requested by emailing Megan Ahrenholz at mahrenholz@braintreema.gov**. 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. 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 website called www.myschoolbucks.com.

Q: How much money should I deposit so that my child has enough money for a month's worth of lunches?

A: The below prices is for a full 4 weeks of meals (20 lunches)

20 Lunches: **\$65.60** for the whole month

Q: Will negative balances be forgiven at the end of the school year?

A: No. **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 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 128 Town Street, Braintree, MA 02184. **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 781-848-4000 extension 7045 or mahrenholz@braintreema.gov.

Best Regards,
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