

St. Thomas School
2017 - 2018
Cafeteria Newsletter

Nutri Kids Program

St. Thomas School utilizes the Nutri Kids Cafeteria Point of Sale (POS) System to manage the cafeteria program. We also are using myschoolbucks.com website to manage online payments of children's lunch accounts. New students need to contact the school for an identification number and to sign-up for the Nutri Kids program. Starting this year all students must be enrolled on myschoolbucks.com.

Hot Lunch: is \$3.00 daily and milk is included. You may pay weekly or monthly. Payment must be received prior to your child eating hot lunch. If a check is returned from the bank, there will be a \$25.00 charge per check.

Milk: Milk will be available to those students that bring their own lunch to school. They will have a milk choice of **skim, 1% white, fat free chocolate**. The cost of lunch milk is **\$0.75 per carton**. Soda is not allowed in the cafeteria. Please do not send beverages in glass containers.

In compliance with the state lunch program, those students who are lactose intolerant have to present a written note from the students' doctor telling us what kind of milk the student is allowed to drink.

Free / Reduced Lunches: Please fill out the free and reduced lunch application contained in this packet even if you do not think you qualify. With the food costs rising, you may qualify. Applications are confidential. You may apply anytime throughout the school year. Reminder for those who had free and reduced meals last year, they are still free until the 2017/2018 application closing period in October. **To continue to receive these benefits a new application must be filled out prior to the October deadline** or the benefits status will be changed and all charges that incur until a new application is sent in will be your responsibility. If you have any questions, please contact us.

Morning Snack Drinks: This program is available for students in Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade for snack. They will have a milk choice of skim, 1% white, fat free chocolate and orange juice. The cost of snack milk or juice is \$0.75 per day.

A-La-Carte Items: A-La-Carte items are also available after hot lunch is served and the children have had some time to eat. The items are priced from \$0.50 to \$1.50 each. All items in the A-La-Carte program meet the state and federal guidelines for Smart Snacks. If you do not want your child to purchase A-La-Carte items on his/her account, please notify us in writing. Students with negative balances on their accounts will not be allowed to purchase A-La-Carte items.

Snow Day Policy: We will always serve the lunch that is on the schedule for the returning day to school.

If at the end of the month the balance for one child is \$50.00 or more or for two or more children the balance is \$100.00 or more, you will need to contact Mrs. Jacques to arrange for payments. Students will receive a bag lunch if a meeting or arrangements have not been made.

We are always in need of help in the cafeteria! Please sign-up on the form that is included in this packet. If you have any questions concerning the material enclosed or having to do with the cafeteria program, please contact us at 324-5832.