

2022-2023 Blazer Cafe Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome back to a new school year!

The Lancaster Mennonite Food Service Staff is looking forward to serving your children nutritious, great-tasting meals that promote healthy lifestyles. We work hard to provide outstanding service and good quality meals that meet Federal & State Requirements.

We are looking forward to serving all Lancaster Mennonite students out of our cafeteria this year. We expect some challenges the first few weeks as everyone adjusts to the new space and set up and settles into the routine. We also continue to have significant challenges in food supply availability as well as staffing, but we are committed to doing our best for your children.

I am always available for questions or concerns and we look forward to seeing the students on the first day of school!

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What is a Student Meal?

* Each School Lunch includes 5 components - meat/meat alternative, bread/grain, fruit, vegetable and milk.

In order to qualify for meal pricing, students must take at least three of the five components, and one of those must be a fruit or vegetable.

Last year we were able to serve lunch to all students for free under a waiver from USDA. Unfortunately, those waivers were not extended for the 2022-2023 school year. This year families will need to pay for their student's meals or fill out an application to see if they qualify for Free or Reduced lunches.

School Lunch Prices

PreK	\$3.25
K-5	\$3.50
6-12	\$3.50 Cold sandwich lunch
6-12	\$3.75 Hot lunch
Reduced	\$.40

Paying for School Meals

Options for food purchases include cash, check or you may deposit money into your child's account online at schoolcafe.com. If you are paying by check, make checks out to Lancaster Mennonite School. Place it in an envelope with your child's full name and grade on it please. Payments can be dropped off in the school offices or in the drop box inside the cafeteria serving area doors.

Please note: The parent can add limits to a child's account such as, "lunch only" or "no a la carte", etc. Please call Jenny Strickler at 717-740-2452 if you have any questions.

Free & Reduced Lunch

We encourage everyone to fill out an application for Free & Reduced lunch. Applications may be filled out and submitted online at schoolcafe.com. If you are unable to apply online, paper applications are available at the school offices or in the cafeteria.

If you have received notification within the past 2 weeks for free or reduced lunches for this school year, you do not need to fill out an application again.

Parents/Guardians may access lunch menus on our website at www.lancastermennonite.org

We have job openings in our cafeteria for a cook, cashier, food prep and dishwasher.

No evenings, weekends or holidays and spend days off school with your children.

Apply online at lancastermennonite.org or send completed application and resume to Lorri Hengst at humanresources@lancastermennonite.org