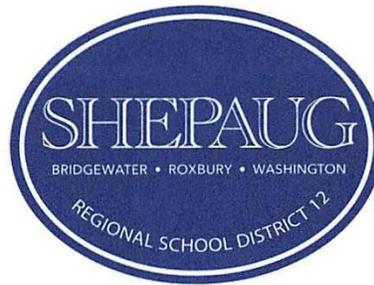


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Dear Elementary Families,

I am writing to provide information on the new lunch program in our elementary schools. We have added Booth Free School, The Burnham School and Washington Primary School as sponsor sites of the National School Lunch Program. Beginning on Monday, September 21, 2020, bagged lunches will be available to all of our students daily. The lunches are being prepared by our dedicated food service staff in our kitchen at Shepaug Valley School. The lunches will be delivered daily and kept in temperature controlled coolers until lunch service.

Region 12 has obtained government waivers made available during the COVID-19 Pandemic that allow us to provide lunch to all students free of charge. These waivers will remain in place until December 31, 2020. Until the expiration of the waivers, **the only task that our families must complete is to order lunch for your student(s)**. Orders can be placed using the menu app as detailed below.

Lunch menus will be published early next week and can be found at <https://region12.nutrislice.com>. The link is also available on the individual elementary school webpages. The Nutrislice app for iOS or Android can be downloaded to your mobile device from the webpage (please see the lower right corner of the page). Orders can be placed either on the website or on the app. We are asking that families order by Thursday of each week for each of the school days in the following week. As soon as the menus are published next week, we will provide screen-by-screen instructions demonstrating how to place an order on Nutrislice.

If your child is distance learning, you may order lunch. The lunch may be picked up at the front entrance of Shepaug Valley School between the hours of 9:30 and 10:00 each school day.

For families who only wish to purchase milk, the cost is fifty cents. Milk should also be ordered using Nutrislice on the "milk only" section of the daily menu. Payment for milk should be made online at [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com). Screen-by-screen instructions for setting up an account and adding funds on My School Bucks are included [here](#). If you have students at Shepaug, this is the same site and process. You may add your elementary student to your existing account.

Prior to the expiration on December 31, 2020 of the waivers that allow us to provide free lunch, we will provide additional information on setting up lunch payment accounts should the free lunch program not be extended.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the office at your student's school.

Sincerely,

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