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To Our Trumbull Families,

As we approach the Beginning of the school year, Food Services would like to update you on the some improvements and information for the 2024-25 school year.

This letter contains information about the following:

- Updated Food Charging Policy on our website <https://www.trumbullps.org/fs/resource-manager/view/f1a0e03e-86ad-44e4-ba08-aec0d06421b2>
- Food Services Update and Payment Options for the 2024-25 School Year: Please note there will be a charge for both breakfast and lunch in Trumbull Public Schools
- **Breakfast will return to paid for school year 2024-2025**
- Very excited to announce the equipment upgrades in our schools
- New menus in all our Schools

***Please note that the first day of meal service
Tuesday, August 27, 2024.***

Summer Kitchen upgrades:

This summer Food Services was very busy upgrading equipment in Hillcrest, Tashua, and Middlebrook. These upgrades will greatly increase the quality and variety of food we will be able to offer.

Food Services was also able to update, Booth Hill, Jane Ryan, and Trumbull High School last spring.

Food Services Update and Payment Options for the 2024-25 School Year

Payments Options: Families may pay for meals purchased in the cafeteria through MySchoolBucks or through a cash or check deposited to your student's account.

MySchoolBucks

For your convenience, an easy online payment system is offered to fund and view your student's meal account at [MySchoolBucks](#). Each family can create an account. Login and account information is

available on the MySchoolBucks website. ***Please note there is a fix service fee per transaction of \$3.25 associated with this service.***

Checks

Checks can be made payable to: Trumbull Food Service to be deposited into your student's account.

- Elementary School: Place all check(s) in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the student's name and District ID number. Teachers will collect these envelopes in the classroom and send them to the cafeteria staff daily
- Middle School and High School students can give check(s) directly to the cafeteria staff marked with the student's name and District ID number.

Cash

Cash can be deposited in your students account in each school location. Please place in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the student's name and District ID number. Students should present the envelop to the cashier during meal service.

Coming Soon: Menu website

As Food Services continues to work on communication to our community, we have purchased a Meal Viewer program that will be a live digital menu for each school. This feature will go live in September. Please see the link below.

[Trumbull Public School Mealviewer](#)

Menu Development:

Food Services has invested in menu development for the SY 24-25, we have hired a registered dietitian to work with us on new recipes and menu ideas for our school food program. Stephanie Noto RD, CDN, SNS, has 14 years in school nutrition. " Noto Nutrition Consulting ("NNC") is led by Stephanie Noto, owner and sole operator, Registered Dietitian Nutritionist and School Food Service expert. Stephanie partners with school districts to evaluate and enhance Child Nutrition Programs. During her time in those roles, she supported numerous districts in operational expertise, lowered operational expenses while driving revenue, trained front line associates and managers, improved food quality, created recipes and menus to meet local, state, and federal regulations, and was national culinary and nutrition support. But the more time she spent supporting districts at a national level, she realized the best way to drive results in schools and communities is to partner locally, one-on-one."

Important: Please be aware that breakfast will return to paid for the 2024-2025 school year unless your student qualifies for free or reduced priced meals.

The state of CT provides qualifications for eligibility for Free or Reduced Lunch. Click here for more info on the criteria for the application process. <https://www.trumbullps.org/departments/food-service/free-and-reduce-lunch>

As a friendly reminder, account balances for all SY 23-24 will be automatically 'rolled over' to SY 24-25. As always, we appreciate your partnership to provide our students with healthy meals. If at any time you have a question regarding Food Services, please send me an email.

Thank you for supporting Trumbull Public Schools Food and Nutrition Services. Looking forward to having a wonderful year!

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