

August 22nd, 2024

Dear Parent(s),

I hope everyone had a very enjoyable and restful summer. Back to school is always an exciting time for students and families, and as the beginning of the school year quickly approaches, we want to extend you a warm welcome back to school. Chartwells K12 and Bronxville UFSD are eager to welcome you and your student back to the school café with new flavors, events, and food and wellness education that will surely inspire a healthy and fun 2024-25 school year! **We are excited to announce we are now serving Kindergarten as part of the school lunch program.** See below for information on how to pre-order lunch. My team and I look forward to delivering smiles to our student's faces, through safely providing delicious and nutritious meals.

New Menus and Café Spaces

The Chartwells K12 Bronxville chef and Dietitian have been hard at work testing and developing a fresh, new menu for the coming school year designed specifically for Bronxville students that includes a wide variety of healthy and delicious options. These menus were created using student input from surveys, tastings and everyday conversations as well as local food trends, flavors and produce. Menu items include:

- Organic and locally sourced, Poultry
- Organic and locally sourced beef
- Ethically raised, hormone and antibiotic free beef and pork
- Premium all natural deli products that have no artificial ingredients and are minimally processed
- Local and Organic produce when available
- Organic snack options available daily
- Organic yogurt products
- Humane Farm Animal Care (HFAC) certified cage-free shell eggs and follow policies developed with guidance from experts at the Humane Society
- Serves only fresh fluid milk and fresh yogurt from cows free of the artificial growth hormones rBGH/rBST.

Unfortunately, due to the current logistics, and food supply chain issues, we are expecting prices to fluctuate.

This is out of our control, and we will work to mitigate the impact and frequency.

Dietitian's Corner

We are also looking forward to bringing back our fun and inspiring 'Discovery Kitchen' food focus program. This program is centered around student participation, and education. Implemented by Bronxville's Chef, Dietitian, Dining Director and foodservice staff aimed to bring a fun and inspiring sense of food discovery right to our café. Discovery Kitchen themes to anticipate for this year will focus

on importance of plant based foods, how to maximize protein for performance, benefits of eating locally and seasonally, healthy ways to season foods, and more! We also plan to implement a new food focus program specifically in our Elementary café called Mood Boost. This program teaches students how to make healthy fruit and vegetable food choices that can help them be more confident, alert, smart, happy, strong, and calm.

Keep an eye out for periodic newsletters written by our Resident Dietitian, Nicole, updating the district on ongoing foodservice news and events.

Mobile Ordering, and Menus are in Your Hands

This year we are continuing with our online and mobile ordering System, Nutrislice. Nutrislice brings the power of pre-ordering, school menu, nutrition and allergen information, right to the palm of your hand! In addition to nutrition information, Nutrislice tells the café menu story with real photos taken by Chartwells chefs in schools, full menu descriptions as well as café event information, nutrition education and food stories helping students connect the foods they eat in the café to its origins and health benefits.

In order to maintain efficiency within our dining program, we are utilizing the Nutrislice online pre-ordering system. All meals must be pre-ordered on Nutrislice by 9am the day of service. All elementary school lunches will be freshly prepared and packaged in individual grab and go packaging based on pre-orders. All pre-ordered meals will be picked up by students in a designated area during their respective lunch times. Elementary school students will have a wide variety of daily menu items to choose from.

Due to the current logistics, and food supply chain issues, Price, and Menu are subject to change*** We will work as tirelessly as possible to make any of these changes as least impactful as possible. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate this fluid climate.

Nutrislice also lists any of the top 9 allergens for each food item if they are present. Please be sure to click on each food item if you are concerned for allergens in food. If you have a food allergy, please notify us.

Lunch can be ordered up to 5 days in advance, up until 9am the same day of service.

Please visit the link below for account setup and complete instructions.

Nutrislice

For more information please visit the Bronxville nutrislice webpage.

<https://bronxvilleschool.nutrislice.com/menu/>

Nutrislice is available online through smartphones and the web! Download the free Nutrislice App from the App Store (iOS) or Google Play (Android)

Tech Savvy

The cafe Online payment and information system is called Mosaic. The system features an online payment portal called [MYSCHOOLBUCKS](#) Please see information here, which details the procedure to set up a new account. Parents may also drop off completed enrollment forms with a check attached. Please

make checks payable to "The Bronxville School Lunch Fund." Cash payments can be processed in person, when visiting the cafe.

Best Regards,

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