



St. Jerome Regional School

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2026-2027 SJRS Lunch Program Information Letter

Hello SJRS Family! Welcome back to school!

First and foremost, our lunch program will begin on **September 8, 2026**

- Lunch with milk will be \$4.50 per day
- If your child is not ordering lunch, milk may still be ordered. The cost will be \$0.50 per day.
- If your child has a milk allergy, a copy of the doctor's note must be provided to the lunch staff. The student may then order Lactaid. This is a government regulation.
- Students with a food allergy must provide a doctor's note to the lunch staff specifying what the allergy is. Accommodations will then be made to ensure the student receives a full lunch, safely. This is a government regulation.

Pre-Ordered and Pre-Paid

- We will utilize a Google Form for collecting daily lunch orders on a month-by-month basis. **Failure to order by the deadline will mean that the student will need a lunch packed from home for the entire month.**
- The form will be posted on the SJRS website www.sjrschool.com/Lunch
- The Google Form will need to be filled out for each student in your household by the cutoff date. An Option C alert will inform parents of the opening and closing dates for each monthly form.

Payments

- School Cafe will be utilized for all payments.
- Parents are able to enter a bulk payment for their child(ren).
- Parents have the option to set up automatic payments when your child's account reaches a set minimum balance.
- Cash or check sent into school is still available. Please use an envelope marked with your child's name and grade.



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Account Management

- You can access your child's account at www.schoolcafe.com/SJRS
- Account creation is required. Instructions on how to create an account can be found at www.sjrschool.com/Lunch
- Students are provided individual 3 digit PIN numbers that they will enter at the end of the lunch line to confirm lunch purchases.
- Parents can easily view the account balance.
- Automatic low balance alerts will be sent to keep accounts funded.

SJRS Policy on Student Funds

- If your child's account reaches a negative balance, a letter will be emailed to you informing you that you have a negative balance. Please pay the balance immediately. If your account balance is negative at the end of the school year, it will be added to your tuition bill.

Free and Reduced Price Meal Application

- Applications for the Free and reduced-Price Meal Program will be available starting on August 11, 2026. We encourage all eligible families to apply. To see if you are eligible, please read the Letter to Households found on our website at www.sjrschool.com/Lunch
- You can apply at anytime during the school year.
- Online applications are available at www.schoolcafe.com/SJRS
- A paper application may be picked up in the school office.

If you have any questions, please either call the office or email me at ldaukshus@sjrschool.com

Thank you,
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SJRS Lunch Program Director