

CAFETERIA INFORMATION 16-17

Welcome Back!! There are exciting things happening in the Cafeteria this school year. Please read the following Information carefully to learn about snacks, breakfast and lunch procedures.

SNACKS

All students in grades 1st – 6th have the opportunity to purchase snacks during their morning recess before 9:30 a.m. All students in grades 4th – 6th have the opportunity to purchase ice cream after lunch.

Daily snack options include fresh fruit cup, cereal bars, dry cereal, cookies, crackers, chips, flavored raisins, Chex strawberry yogurt mix, boxed juice, & bottled water. Snacks may also change throughout the school year.

Snacks range in price from \$0.50 to \$1.00. Students must pay for their snack each day, they will not be allowed to charge it to their lunch account.

BREAKFAST

Breakfast is served every morning in the cafeteria from 7:00 am to 7:30 am. The cost for breakfast is \$2.00, Reduced is \$.20. Daily options include hot breakfast, cereal, cereal bar or pop tarts plus fruit and/or yogurt. Pre-orders for breakfast are not required. Students may purchase a second breakfast for the full price of \$2.00 regardless if they qualify as free or reduced.

LUNCH

1. Cost

The cost of lunch is \$3.50 per plate, \$.40 for Reduced, per child. *Lunches and Breakfast should be pre-paid.*

2. Monthly Menu

A monthly menu will be sent home with all students, a month in advance, so that parents may decide on the days their child will purchase lunch in the cafeteria, as well as the specific meal option for each day selected.

3. Daily Lunch Selections

Students electing to eat in the cafeteria will have options **(A) hot lunch, (B) salad or (C) sandwich.**

Hot Lunch – The hot lunch item will vary daily and will be indicated on the lunch menu.

Salad - Daily options include a chef salad, tuna salad or grilled chicken salad in addition to any specialty item that will be indicated on the monthly menu. All salads are made fresh while your child is in line allowing students to customize their salad. Students will have the option of adding egg, cheese, pickles, tomato, croutons or crackers. Salad dressings include our Homemade Ranch or Italian dressing. All salads may be served with a roll instead of croutons & crackers if they wish.

Sandwich– Daily options include ham, turkey, tuna, egg salad, grilled chicken and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. All sandwiches are made fresh while your child is in line allowing students to customize their sandwich. Students will have the option of hoagie bread, wheat sliced bread, or slider roll, cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickles, mayo or mustard.

All "A", "B" & "C" options will be served the daily vegetable as indicated on the menu along with milk.

Students will also have their choice of the daily fruit and a 4 oz juice (orange, grape, or apple), which will be selected as he/she goes through the lunch line.

4. Lunch Procedure

During morning attendance, all students planning to eat in the cafeteria, including those that may have forgotten their lunch box, will give the classroom teacher his/her selection of "A", "B" or "C" for that day, which will be turned into the office/cafeteria as part of the daily count.

When students enter the lunch line they will be served according to plate options selected. The "A" options will be served first, followed by "B" and then "C". Students electing the "B" or "C" option will also be offered the additional choices available while in line. After receiving their lunch, students will provide the cashier with their lunch number and proceed to the lunch table. Students must verbally give their lunch number to the cashier.

5. Lunch Number

Each student will be provided a lunch number during registration. Assigned numbers will follow the students each year while attending St. Vincent. Please include your child's lunch number on all payments.

6. Lunch Accounts and Payments

Each student will have a lunch account set up through PowerSchool. Login information will be provided at registration and will be available through the front office. Parents are encouraged to monitor their child's lunch account often. All cafeteria transactions, including snack, will be reflected in this account and will indicate credit balances available or balances due (shown as a negative). Payments should be made at the beginning of each month.

Individual lunch account payment options are as follows:

1. Yearly Payment – The cost of lunch per child is \$630.00. A one time payment of this amount can be made and applied to your child's account.
2. Monthly Draft Through FACTS – The cost of lunch per child is \$630.00. This amount can be added to your FACTS account.
3. Monthly Payment – You may attach payment to your child's monthly lunch menu. Should you have more than one student, we ask that you indicate each student's lunch number and the amount to be applied to their account on the memo line of your check.

IMPORTANT NOTE: WE ARE UNABLE TO CONTINUE TO SERVE A LUNCH TO ANY STUDENT WITH A NEGATIVE BALANCE OF \$10 OR MORE. PLEASE MAKE CERTAIN TO MONITOR YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH BALANCE AND KEEP THEIR ACCOUNT CURRENT. AN ALTERNATIVE LUNCH WILL BE SERVED ONCE THEY REACH THE NEGATIVE BALANCE.

7. Free and Reduced Lunch Program

St. Vincent School participates in the Federal School Breakfast and Lunch Program. Applications are provided to all families at the beginning of the school year. We highly recommend all families complete an application and return it to the school.

Applications will be available throughout the school year. If your family is denied initially and your circumstances change, please contact the office for reevaluation. In accordance with Federal Law and USDA policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. **If you qualify for free or reduced this includes breakfast as well as lunch.**

If your family qualified for free or reduced lunch or breakfast for the 2014 – 2015 school year, this status will remain for **August 2015 only**. A new application must be submitted for the 2015 – 2016 school year or your child(ren) will become full pay effective September 1, 2015.

For qualified applicants, the reduced cost for breakfast is \$0.20 per child and \$0.40 per child for lunch.