

## Frequently Asked Questions about the School Lunch Program

### **Where can I find the menu?**

The Lunch menu may be found on the St. Rose of Lima School website under Student Life-Lion Cafeteria-Lunch Menu. It is updated monthly and sent home via Jupiter email. The menu is also attached to the electronic school newsletter "The Roar" at the beginning of each month.

### **How do I pay for lunch?**

Each family has a school lunch account. This is a prepaid "debit" account from which lunch and a la carte milk purchases are deducted. Money must be in your account to purchase lunch and milk. We do not take cash in the cafeteria lunch line. You can pay by check or cash at the school office. Please write your child's name on the envelope and "school lunch". You may also pay by credit card in the school office or at EZSchoolPay.com if you have set up an account. There is a convenience fee if paying by credit card.

### **How do I know how much money is in my account?**

Account balances can be checked at EZSchoolPay.com. To access this free service, you must first set up an account using your email address and then link your student(s) to your account. Information on linking your student (s) to your account will be sent home shortly after the start of school. If you already have an account from a previous year, you do not need to set one up. The balance on the account is the family's balance.

### **How do I apply for free or reduced price lunches?**

Applications are available in English and Spanish outside the school office. They are also on the website under Student Life-Lion Cafeteria-Resources. Some students/families can be directly certified to receive free or reduced meals if they are receiving SNAP or other such benefits. You will be notified prior to the start of school if you are directly certified and will not need to submit an application.

### **I filled out an application last year. Is it still good?**

Families must reapply every year using the current year's application. If your family is eligible to receive free/reduced meals, the benefit is for the entire school year and the first 30 operating days of the following school year or until you submit a new application.

### **I receive a school voucher. Am I automatically approved for free or reduced meals?**

No, this is a separate application. Please complete a paper application or check with Mrs. Navarro in the parish office to see if you are directly certified to receive free or reduced price meals.

### **I filled out a bunch of paperwork when I registered last spring and earlier this summer. Did I fill out the free/reduced lunch application?**

No, the free/reduced price lunch application is not available until after July 1 every year.

### **My student is transferring from another school and was eligible for free or reduced price meals there. Do I need to fill out another application?**

Please let us know you were eligible for free/reduced price meals at your former school so we can confirm that you received this benefit. Don't assume we will know. Benefits from your former school will be carried over for the first 30 operating days of the current school year or until you submit a new application. If your student attended a school where all children receive free meals, you need to fill out an application unless we can directly certify your family.

### **What if I have other questions?**

Contact Kathleen Prechtel RD, School Nutrition Director, at [kprechtel@stroselions.net](mailto:kprechtel@stroselions.net) for questions.