

## **St. Rose of Lima School Lunch Policies 2016-17**

### **SCHOOL LUNCH ACCOUNTS:**

School Lunch accounts are “prepaid” debit accounts which means money must be in your child’s account to purchase school lunches and ala carte items such as milk.

Lunch account balances can be checked online at EZSchoolPay.com if you have set up an account. Parents are responsible for checking their child’s account balance on a regular basis and adding money as need to cover lunch purchases. Low balance notices can be set up on EZSchoolPay.com.

Lunch account deposits may be made at any time by sending cash or a check to the school office. When sending in cash or check payments please write your family name and “school lunch money” on the envelope. Please do not combine lunch payments with other payments. Payment may also be made by credit card if you have set up an account in EZSchoolPay.

Families may “charge” up to 5 lunches per child (one week’s worth of lunches). Once the charge limit has been reached, the account will be placed on hold. If your family’s lunch account is placed on hold, you will need to send lunch from home until the amount owed is paid in full. A low balance warning will be given when the account has less than \$5.00 remaining.

At the end of the school year, money in school lunch accounts will be refunded if requested; otherwise it will be rolled over to the next school year. Families who owe money to the lunch program will be billed for the amount due with payment due by June 15. Report cards will be held until the negative balance is paid in full.

### **LUNCH CHARGES:**

Lunch prices for the 2016-17 school year are \$2.75 per lunch for grades K-8 and \$2.50 per lunch for Pre-School. One carton of milk is included in the school meal. Milk purchased ala carte is \$.50/ carton. Extra entrees are \$1.00 each and extra side dishes are \$.50 each. If you do not want your child to purchase “extras” please let the office know and your account will be marked as such. Lunch purchases are posted in real time via EZSchoolPay.com. Families can check their charges at any time once they have created an EZSchoolPay.com account.

### **FREE/REDUCED PRICED LUNCHES:**

Students eligible for free or reduced price lunches may receive one “reimbursable meal” per day. A la carte items such as extra milk, extra entrees and milk purchased when lunch is brought from home are NOT reimbursable items by the National School Lunch Program. It is to your and your child’s advantage to order lunch each day rather than bring lunch from home. Students receiving free/reduced price lunches and who have unpaid ala carte charges greater than \$5.00 may not purchase “extras” until the balance due is paid off or financial arrangements have been made with the School Nutrition Director or Principal.

Application for free or reduced price meals may be made at any time during the school year. Families who qualify for these benefits are eligible for the entire school year and the first 30 operating days of the next school year. . A new application must be submitted every year. If a family is directly certified it is not necessary to complete a paper application. Please contact Kathleen Prechtel at [kprechtel@saintroselions.net](mailto:kprechtel@saintroselions.net) if you need assistance with the application. You will receive notice if your application was approved or denied.