

Frequently Asked Questions about the St. Rose of Lima School Nutrition Program

Where can I find the menu?

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

Why are school lunches no longer free? How do I pay for lunch and *a la carte* purchases such as milk or extras?

The USDA waiver that allowed schools to provide free meals to all students has expired. This year the price paid for a school lunch will be determined by a student's free, reduced price or paid meal status. To pay for meals, each family has a school lunch account. This is a prepaid "debit" account from which purchases are deducted. Money must be in your account to buy lunch and *a la carte* items. We do not take cash in the cafeteria serving 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 at EZSchoolPay.com if you have set up an account. There is a \$3.00 convenience fee if paying by credit card.

How do I know how much money is in my lunch 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. If your family has a negative account balance, you will receive an email notification every Friday.

Should my family turn in a free/reduced meal application this year?

Yes! This application may also determine eligibility for textbook assistance. Applications are available outside the school office. They are also on the website under Student Life-Lions Cafeteria-Resources. Some students/families may be directly certified to receive free or reduced meals and textbook assistance if they are receiving SNAP or other such benefits. You will be notified around the start of school if you are directly certified and will not need to submit an application. Spanish applications are available upon request

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, 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 meals or pEBT?

No this is a separate application. Please submit an application so we have it on file.

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 meals 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 received free meals, you need to fill out an application unless we can directly certify your family.

What if I have other questions?

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