

It's a new school year, and I am excited to begin my second year as Cafeteria Manager. To those of you who are new to St. Michael, welcome – and to those returning, welcome back! We have some new things happening in the cafeteria this year, so consider this your “heads up!”

- ❖ We will have ONE lunch serve this year to satisfy ALL grades. The serve will begin with Preschool and Pre-K coming in at 11:30a, with the other grades following shortly thereafter. Lunch will conclude at 12:00p with all students saying the Angelus prayer together when the noon church bells toll.
- ❖ A complete lunch tray will cost \$3.00 this year. A complete tray includes an entrée, one serving of fruit, one serving of vegetable, and a carton of milk. Milk alone costs \$0.40. An entree, such as a slice of pizza or hamburger, is \$1.75. A side, such as a salad or fruit, is \$0.55. When students return to the lunch line for extras (after getting a complete lunch tray), they will be charged accordingly. Middle School students (grades 6-8) will be offered a la carte items as well; These are USDA Smart Snack compliant options ranging in price from \$0.50 to \$1.00. We will celebrate birthdays at the end of each month with a (free) treat for ALL students (usually a cookie).
- ❖ The cafeteria menu will be emailed monthly, posted on the school web site, and sent via Jupiter Ed. A print copy will also be available in each classroom. Please review the lunch menu with your child(ren). We will be doing OFFER versus SERVE again; An explanation of OFFER versus SERVE is available on the school web site.
- ❖ IF YOU HAVE A CHILD WITH A FOOD ALLERGY, it is very important that you talk with me before the start of school. St. Michael's is NOT a nut-free facility. Please contact me directly at kstaples@stmichaelsgrfld.org to develop a plan to keep your child safe. In some instances, a note from your child's medical doctor will be requested.
- ❖ ALL lunch payments must go through the school's front office. Please pay by check and include your child(ren)'s name on the check. Because St. Michael's participates in the National School Lunch Program, a delinquent lunch account policy is required; This policy can be found on the school web site. Please keep up-to-date on your child(ren)'s lunch costs to avoid being sent to collections.
- ❖ The St. Michael Catholic School Wellness Policy was implemented in 2018 as required by the National School Lunch Program. It is posted on the school web site.

I am happy to answer any questions you might have. Please feel free to reach out anytime –

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God bless,

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