

# St. Veronica School Lunch Program

**August 2022**

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year. Thanks to all of you who continually support the cafeteria. We especially wish to thank all our faithful volunteers. We could not operate without our daily group of parents, friends, and families who help us out every day.

## **POINT OF SALE SYSTEM:**

The Point-of-Sale System allows students to have an account with money to buy lunch, drinks, or additional food. **Student accounts cannot be used to buy snacks.** There are 2 ways to set up an account, first you can send in a check or cash to the cafeteria with the student's name and homeroom on the first day of school and the cafeteria will set up an account for each student (if you have more than one child, please indicate each student's homeroom and amount for each account). The second way is to use the online payment system called **Pay for It**. You can access this through [www.payforit.net](http://www.payforit.net). The school website has instructions on how to sign up for the account, located under the Viking Café section. I encourage everyone to use this system as it allows you to track your students account and will send an email when the account is low (please sign up for this option).

Each student has an ID number that they will keep throughout their years at St. Veronica. When the students type in their ID number the machine debits the amount of the sale from their account. Students are given a verbal notice when their account needs money. Notification will be sent to parents for negative balances only. All lunch charges are handled through the cafeteria office. You can find out **student balances** via Pay for it account or email to [tbrink@stveronica.org](mailto:tbrink@stveronica.org).

Here are some breakdowns of prices that may help with amounts to send in for the accounts – 5 days-\$16.25, 10 days-\$32.50, 20 days-\$65.00, the cost for a trimester is about \$195.00, the whole year is about \$487.50. These amounts cover **only** the lunches including 1 drink (**does not include extra entrées, drinks, or extra sides**). If money is left over at the end of the school year, it will be carried over to the next year.

Extra entrée is \$1.75, an extra side is 75¢ and an extra drink is 50¢.

## **LUNCH PRICE:**

Lunch price is **\$3.25**. Students may purchase lunch on a daily basis. When you send in money for a student's account, please put it in an envelope, put the student's name on the outside and make sure your student gives it to their homeroom teacher in the morning. You may include more than one student in a check, please tell us how you want it divided.

## **MILK AND DRINKS:**

Drinks are 50¢. Drinks can be purchased by a student packing his\her lunch. A student buying lunch may purchase an additional drink. We offer white and chocolate milk, juice and water.

## **CHARGES:**

A student may charge lunch if there is no money on their account. It is the **parent's responsibility** to keep track of student's accounts. The **Pay For It** system allows you to do this 24 hours a day. You may email Tricia Brink at [tbrink@stveronica.org](mailto:tbrink@stveronica.org) to check account balances. Notification will be sent to parents for negative balances only. All lunch charges are handled through the cafeteria office.

## **SNACKS:**

The cafeteria has healthy snacks available for students to purchase after they have eaten their meal. This is a family's individual choice if they want their students to purchase items from the snack bar. **STUDENT ACCOUNTS CANNOT BE USED TO PURCHASE SNACKS!** Prices of snacks range from 25¢ to \$1.00.

## **FOOD ALLERGIES AND FOOD CONCERNS:**

Please be aware that we serve peanut butter and jelly sandwiches daily and have other items with nuts. If you have concerns about any food allergies or special food concerns, please contact the cafeteria office.

## **FREE AND REDUCE LUNCHES:**

We do not participate in the National School Lunch Program. We do offer our families free and reduced lunches if they qualify under the NSLP guidelines. If you feel you may qualify for this program, please contact the school office. It is important that you apply for this program each year. If you do qualify for this program, it only pays for lunch. **It does not pay for additional entrees, drinks or sides.** For your children to purchase additional food they **MUST** have money on their accounts.

## **ADDITIONAL ENTRÉE'S, SIDES AND DRINKS:**

We allow students to purchase additional items, for an additional cost. On outside pizza days the students may order extra slices of pizza during their morning classroom lunch count. Extra slices cost \$1.75 and is charged to their account when they come through the line. If there are additional slices, at the end of service, they are also offered for purchase.

If a student has purchased lunch and is still hungry, they are permitted to come see the cashier for additional fruits or vegetables free of charge. We reserve the right to the options available. Items such as most potato items, limited quantity fruits and vegetables will not be offered for free. Additional sides such as fries, mashed potatoes, and other fruits and vegetables are an additional charge of \$.75. Students that have packed their lunch may purchase additional items. Additional drinks are \$.50.

## **FOOD WASTE:**

We ask that our students take only what they will eat. Many of our students take large amounts of food and then throw it away. Please talk to your children about taking what they can eat and know they can come up for additional fruits or vegetables (our choice of options). This also holds true on condiments and salad dressings. Take only what you need and come up for additional items if necessary.

## **VOLUNTEERING IN THE CAFETERIA:**

Every day during the school week we need help to serve the students their lunches in a timely manner. Our volunteers work the line serving entrees, sides, or dessert. If you have time and want to stay to help clean up, we appreciate the help. We ask volunteers to arrive by 11:05 am and we finish serving by 12:30. If you stay to help clean up, we are usually done by 1:00. If you would like to sign up, you can find the link to Sign Up Genius in the Thursday Viking Voice or on the School Website under the Viking Café. Please give volunteering in the Café a try! We have lots of fun, you get to have a free lunch for a student of your choice, try the food and best of all you get to see your student during their lunchtime. Volunteers must complete SafeParish requirements.