

Dear Crusader Parent:

Welcome to a new school year! The Muskegon Catholic Food Service Staff is looking forward to serving your children nutritious, great-tasting menus. We are committed to meeting the nutritional needs of each student. We will be offering meals and a la carte items which consist of reduced fat proteins and milk, whole grain breads, fresh fruit and vegetable choices (from Michigan growers if possible) and items with lower sodium and sugar content.

Each student will be given the opportunity to purchase a reimbursable meal which consists of a meat/meat alternative, grain, vegetables, milk and fruit. Muskegon Catholic follows an offer vs serve policy. Offer vs serve means that the student must take at least three of the five components offered, one being a fruit or vegetable. Meal prices at the elementary school are \$2.55 and \$3.05 at the middle and high school. Milk is \$.55.

Attached you will find an application for Free and Reduced lunch for the 2020-2021 school year. You will have a 30 day grace period from the time school starts if you had benefits from the previous school year. Please complete this application and return it to school either by mail or have your student drop it off in the mail box labeled 'Lunch Account Deposits' outside of the High School Cafeteria. There will also be an opportunity to drop off the application at orientation. If at any time during the year you need to apply for benefits, there are applications available to print on the school website: <http://muskegoncatholic.org/food-service>

Please remember that it is the policy of Muskegon Catholic Schools to limit the amount of money a child can owe the Muskegon Catholic Schools Lunch program. When the limit of \$11.00 is reached, the child is given a cheese sandwich and a carton of milk for a charge of \$1.75 for the duration of their negative account. To avoid this situation, please be sure that your child's lunch account is always positive. You can send payment to school with your child or you can visit www.sendmoneytoschool.com (You will need the student ID to set up an account for each of your children, which I can give you or the school office can give you).

Questions or comments are welcome, please contact Jennifer Merryweather at jmerryweather@muskegoncatholic.org or 231.755.2201 x3280

Sincerely,

Jennifer Merryweather
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