



News from the Lunch Room 2020/2021



Dear Parent/Guardian,

There will be a few changes in the cafeteria starting this fall 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We will be following state guidelines regarding 6ft. social distancing, masks and or face coverings, as well as having multiple plexiglass barriers between serving lines and cash registers in attempt to protect everyone from the spread of coronavirus. The staff will also be thoroughly cleaning and sanitizing in between lunch periods and the end of every day, along with focusing on high traffic areas in the cafeteria that students/teachers come into contact with. Some of our menu choices will be changing or limited due to limited accessibility from our providers. Self-service fresh fruit & vegetable bars will be eliminated. These meal components will continue to be served provided utilizing individual portions. As always, you can find the menus online under the food service department tab or in the monthly newsletter. A few key points as we start this year:

1. Students K-6 will be eating lunch in their classroom. Students 7-12 will be eating in the cafeteria. If your student is in K-6 their homeroom teacher will take a count each morning of who is buying a lunch from the cafeteria. They will have 1 hot option & 1 cold option every day. Please discuss prior with your student if they will be buying lunch that day. The teacher will announce both options for the day, and the lunch count will be sent to the cafeteria to be prepared for the grade level's assigned lunch time.
2. Students will not be permitted to bring cash/checks to the cafeteria. Any form of payment MUST be taken to their building office/homeroom teacher first. The payment will then be picked up or brought down to the cafeteria. We will not be handling any type of payment directly at the registers during meal periods. Checks may be written to "South Range Cafeteria." When sending in your cafeteria payment to the office PLEASE MARK THE ENVELOPE WITH "CAFETERIA" AND YOUR STUDENT'S FIRST AND LAST NAME.

****You may also go to the district's website under departments-food services-payforit.net- to register your student's ID number and download funds to their lunch account online. You have access to your child's account 24/7 and may check account balances, as well see detailed reports on when and what your student is charging to their account. PayForIt accepts credit card prepayments 24hrs. a day with an automated update to South Range's QSP-Point of Sales System. Please note: some payments may take up to 24 hours to go through to the school's cash register system.**

3. Every household will be receiving a free/reduced meal application for the 2020/2021 school year. The application may also be found online under the food services tab. We ask that you fill this application out and return it to your student's building office to see if they qualify for free/reduced meals. You will receive

notification via the mail with your updated meal status within 1 week of sending your letter to the office. ****Note**** If you were free/reduced status last school year you still **MUST** fill out a new application for this current school year. **If you don't fill out a new application from last year, the meal status will automatically go to full paid.**

4. If your student is remote learning you are still eligible for school meals no matter your lunch status. Breakfast & lunch bagged meals will be packed up and ready for pick up weekly. Please notify food service director, Kaitlyn Pierce, if you would like to participate in meal pick up. (330) 549-4070 or Kpierce@southrange.org.

Other Notes for the Year:

- ❖ Each student, grades K-12, have their own individual lunch account along with a number that represents that account. Lunch accounts **MUST** be prepaid. The account is **NOT** to be used as a charge account; rather, similar to a checking account. If your student's lunch account had a negative balance from last school year, it has been carried over to this school year. We ask that you please pay any negative balances off immediately.
- ❖ If you do **NOT** want your student purchasing any "extra" food or drink items for the 2020/21 school year, please notify food service director, Kaitlyn Pierce, via email at Kpierce@southrange.org or office phone (330) 549-4070.
- ❖ Students will be allowed to **ONLY** charge 2 lunches (up to \$6.00) on their lunch account. Students who have a negative balance will **NOT** be permitted to purchase any a la carte snack or beverage items. Parents/Guardians will be notified via phone call or letter when their child's lunch account reaches a charge of more than \$6.00. You may check your student's lunch account at any time by setting up a PayForIt account online. If you need your student's lunch ID# please contact Kaitlyn Pierce, Food Service Director at (330) 549-4070 or by email Kpierce@southrange.org.
- ❖ Every other Thursday starting September 10th the cafeteria will be offering Pizza Hut pizza for our K-12 students. They will have an option between cheese and pepperoni. We are super excited to partner again with Pizza Hut for this school year and hope the students will be looking forward to it as well!
****Note that a Pizza Hut complete reimbursable lunch will be priced at \$3.25 for middle/high school students who are full pay status & \$3.15 for elementary students.** Other lunch options will be available for the normal lunch price if a student does not want Pizza Hut. If you are free or reduced status your price level will remain at the same lunch price as it is every day.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to me at (330) 549-4070 or Kpierce@southrange.org.

Thank you,

Kaitlyn Pierce, South Range School Food Service Director