

Dear Parent/Guardian:

September 8, 2020

Welcome Back Students! We are so excited to see all of you again.

This letter is being sent to provide some information about our meals program this school year. Remember that this information is subject to change as new guidelines are received.

Due to recommendations provided by VT Agency of Education, serving meals in the classroom or alternative rooms to reduce number of participants in a given area is encouraged.

For the remainder of the year teachers will collect the breakfast orders and snack milk orders during breakfast service. Breakfast orders will be for the following day. Snack milk orders will be for the same day. Lunch orders will be taken during lunch service for the following day. Please be sure your child understands that by raising their hand for meals service, they must also choose their option for that meal.

Breakfast Options:

Choose One:

1. Main Meal
2. Cereal
3. Bagel

Choose One:

1. Plain Milk
2. Chocolate Milk

Snack Milk Options:

Choose One:

1. Plain Milk
2. Chocolate Milk

Lunch Options:

Choose One:

1. Main Meal
2. Sandwich (Peanut Butter, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Ham or Turkey) AND Condiments for Ham or Turkey Sandwich (Mustard or Mayo)
3. Chef Salad OR Plain Salad, AND Dressing for Salad (Ranch or Italian)

Choose One:

1. Plain Milk
2. Chocolate Milk

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Please view a copy of the menu on the school's website (www.canaanschools.org) under the Parents & Students Tab, Food Service. They can also be found on the Abbey Group's website at <https://canaansdfood.abbeygroup.info/index.php?sid=1531849112405&page=menus>

Please understand that if your child chooses a meal and it's delivered, it must be consumed or discarded. We cannot return a meal to the kitchen. The only scenario when a meal can be returned is when the student is absent.

We were recently informed by Child Nutrition that the USDA has approved a waiver to allow schools to operate the Summer Schools Meal Program through December 31, 2020. This will result in all students who are enrolled at Canaan Schools (in person or remotely) to eat breakfast and lunch for free. Canaan Schools was approved to operate this through 9/30/20. Canaan Schools will apply again to run the program from 10/1-12/31/20. Unfortunately there are limited funds throughout the state to operate this through 12/31/20, therefore the program may end prior to 12/31/20 if funds are exhausted. We will inform families of this change if it does occur prior to 12/31/20. There will still be a fee of .60 for Snack Milk. Your student's account will be charged for any snack milk purchases.

If your child is attending Canaan Schools through our remote option and still wishes to receive a breakfast or lunch meal daily, please contact our office. This service will need to be arranged as a Grab and Go pickup at the school kitchen daily. We will not be able to deliver.

All payments for meals should be made by using our meals envelopes. An envelope should go home with your child shortly. Please complete one meal envelope per child. Teachers will collect them daily. Please remind your child to hand this in to their teacher. You can also pay online through Meals Plus at <https://www.k12paymentcenter.com/>

We also encourage you to complete the free and reduced meals applications. The more families that complete these, the better. It assists our schools with valuable grant funding and other wonderful opportunities for our students. It will also ensure that students who may be eligible for Free or Reduced status can continue to receive their meals for free after 12/31/20. Prices for meals this year are as follows: \$1.50 Breakfast, \$2.95 Lunch K-6, \$3.15 Lunch 7-12, .60 Snack Milk. All applications will be kept confidential and are only viewed by the Principal and Administrative Assistant to the Principal.

Please understand that your child's safety during meals service and food preparation is priority. Our kitchen staff will be wearing face masks, gloves, and washing hands regularly. All meals will be in individual containers and bagged with your child's name on it. Teachers or staff members who distribute the meals will be wearing gloves and masks as well. Sharing of meal items between children is discouraged to avoid cross contamination.

If you have further questions regarding this please don't hesitate to contact our office.

We hope you and your families have a wonderful school year! Stay well.

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