

**SOUDERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
FOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Food Services Department would like to welcome you and your child(ren) to an exciting 2011-2012 school year. As participants in the National School Breakfast and Lunch Program, we provide students with nutritionally balanced, well-prepared breakfast and lunch meals at a low cost. All meals served meet the meal patterns as established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Menus are planned to meet one third of the daily Recommended Dietary Allowance. Monthly menus are distributed to elementary students to bring home, and elementary and secondary menus are available on the SASD website for all parents and students to view. A la carte items, which may be purchased at an additional cost, are available daily. In complying with the Wellness Policy of the School District, the Food Services Department is offering more fresh fruits and vegetables, lower fat and sugar content foods, and other new products to expand the choices offered to the student on a daily basis.

LUNCH PRICES FOR 2011-2012

Elementary Schools	\$2.30
Indian Crest & Indian Valley Middle Schools	\$2.55
Souderton Senior High School	\$2.90
Milk (included with meal purchase)	\$0.50

BREAKFAST PRICES FOR 2011-2012

All Elementary and Secondary Schools	\$1.10
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The Food Services Department has an automated computerized meal accountability system in the cafeterias called POINT OF SALE (POS). This permits money to be deposited into a student account for the purchase of lunches and **eliminates the need for students to carry cash on a daily basis**. Reduction in the use of cash eliminates lost or forgotten cash and permits the students to be served with greater efficiency when they reach the cashiers. An added benefit is that students are no longer able to give other students cash, whether the situation involves “bullying” or a friendly interaction.

Offered again this year for parents/guardians of students is **Classroom Birthday Baskets** (for Elementary students only) and **Class Trip Bag Lunches**. Your school Food Services staff is available to assemble a birthday treat of your choice, delivered to your child’s classroom in a basket to help celebrate his/her special day. Also available are bagged lunches for class trips. No more last minute rush packing a lunch for your child’s class trip – allow the Food Services staff to take care of this for you! Both the Birthday Baskets and the Class Trip Bag Lunches meet the wellness requirements of the SASD. The Bag Lunches can also be paid with money on your student’s POS account. Both forms are on the SASD website, and will be available at Back to School Night, as well as your school’s cafeteria.

HOW DOES POS WORK?

Every student enrolled in the Souderton Area School District has an account set up in their name, so that he or she can purchase meals or other items in the cafeteria without having cash every day. This will operate like a debit system. The parent or guardian funds the account.

“BONUS BUCKS” INCENTIVE FOR DEPOSITS INTO ACCOUNT

During the months of September and October, as an incentive for making a deposit into your child’s account, the Food Service Department will offer ONE FREE DOLLAR for EVERY TEN DOLLARS DEPOSITED.

Example: **Deposit \$10 = \$11 in student’s account**
 Deposit \$15 = \$16 in student’s account
 Deposit \$40 = \$44 in student’s account
 Deposit \$100 = \$110 in student’s account

HOW DOES MY CHILD USE THE POINT OF SALE SYSTEM?

When your child enters the cafeteria, he chooses a lunch and proceeds to the computer terminal. Your child will enter their student ID number into a PIN Pad device. This will bring up the child’s account on the cashier terminal. A small school photo will only be viewable by the cashier for ID purposes only. The cashier will key in the lunch and the account will be debited. **Pre-deposited money in the account speeds up the line providing your child with more time for lunch and socializing with friends.** Some students have requested the cashiers to withdraw cash from their account and this is NOT permitted.

WHAT IF MY CHILD STILL HAS CREDIT ON POS AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR?

Any additional cash will be carried over to the following year. For students moving to another SASD school, the balance will automatically be forwarded to the account at the new school. Students leaving the district will receive the balance in their account in a check made payable to the responsible adult, as requested. Forms for a cash withdrawal for students graduating or leaving the district are available from the school cafeteria manager. **If you use the myLunchMoney website to fund your student’s account, please remember to edit/update your student’s information if there is a change in school location from the previous school year.**

CAN MY CHILD STILL USE CASH IN THE CAFETERIA?

Yes, at the Elementary and Middle School level **ONLY**. Cash may still be used in the cafeteria, but **parents are strongly encouraged to deposit money in the account, which will make the cafeteria lines far more efficient. The debit system is set up to serve the customer with optimal speed when cashiers do NOT have to wait for cash and make change. The student ID number must still be entered into the PIN Pad to record the number of lunches.** One of the benefits of POS, however, is the elimination of lost or forgotten money. The lunch lines will operate with greater efficiency as we move toward a “cashless” system. **Cash will NOT be accepted on the serving lines during meal periods at the High School.**

At the Senior High, myPAL Prepayment Kiosks will be available for use. The myPAL Prepayment Kiosk accepts cash prepayments that are immediately debited to each student’s account; like a “reverse ATM.” myPAL helps school cafeterias implement cashless lines, creating greater efficiency and security within the lunchroom.

WHAT IF MY CHILD QUALIFIES FOR FREE MEALS?

Free and Reduced priced meals are available upon meeting Federal Income Guidelines. If you feel your household may need assistance, an application for Free and Reduced Meals must be filled out **at the beginning of each school year, even if your student participated in the program last school year.** Application for Free and Reduced meals may also be made on line at www.compass.state.pa.us, and are also available on the SASD website under Food Services. Applications that are not complete can not be approved. **Please make sure the application is signed and includes the applicant’s social security number, and return the form to your child’s school.** If you qualify for food stamps or TANF, your child(ren) are eligible for free meals. If qualified, your child only needs his student ID number to receive a meal. It is impossible to differentiate between paid, free, or reduced lunches. Reduced price breakfast costs \$.30; reduced price lunch is \$.40. **If your child is allowed to purchase snack items, money must be deposited into their account.**

CAN POINT OF SALE (POS) BE USED TO PURCHASE A BREAKFAST?

Breakfast is available in all elementary and secondary schools. A paid breakfast is \$1.10. Students qualifying for free lunches are also able to have a free breakfast. For students paying a reduced price, the breakfast is \$.30 and can be deducted from their debit account.

WHAT IF MY CHILD DOESN'T HAVE MONEY FOR BREAKFAST OR LUNCH?

Students are limited to three (3) meal charges at a time. The cashiers will remind students when balances are low. A written notice is sent home to the parent on the day of the charge informing the parent that their child owes money.

HOW DO I DEPOSIT MONEY INTO MY CHILD'S ACCOUNT?

1. Deposit forms are available at each cash register in the cafeteria and in the school office, and also on the SASD website. Any amount of money may be deposited at any time. A check should be made out to the "SASD Cafeteria Account". **YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND GRADE MUST BE ON EACH CHECK** and placed in a sealed envelope. Student deposits (cash or checks) are to be given to the Food Service Manager in the cafeteria kitchen BEFORE LUNCH. Please write a separate check for each child if they are in **different** schools.
2. Money can also be deposited on your child's account at **myLunchmoney.com**, an online program that allows a parent to set up an account for his/her child that allows credit/debit card payments into your child's account (\$1.95 transaction fee), as well as access to your child's POS account balance. You will need your student's ID number in order to set up an online account. Check it out at www.myLunchMoney.com.
3. **At the Senior High only, myPAL Prepayment Kiosks will be available for use**, which will accept cash prepayments which are immediately debited to your student's account. A receipt will be printed for each transaction.

SASD is committed to the wellness of our students and community by implementing policies and programs that promote a balance of proper nutrition and regular physical activity as part of a healthy lifestyle. In a healthy school environment, students will learn about and participate in positive dietary and lifestyle practices that can improve student achievement. SASD has a comprehensive nutrition program consistent with both federal and state requirements. This program is accessible to all students with a reasonable cost to foods and beverages that meet the established nutritional guidelines. Physical education courses and opportunities for developmentally appropriate physical activities are available during the school day. The curriculum and programs for grades K-12 are designed to educate the student about proper nutrition and lifelong physical activity, in accordance with the State Board of Education curriculum of regulations and academic standards.

SASD is involved with the WISE SNAC program to foster school-community partnerships that promote consistent educational messages and opportunities for healthy eating and physical activity. Through this program, monthly messages regarding wellness will be included on the back of the monthly school menu, as well as on the SASD website, to assist parents with better eating and physical activity with their children.

If you have questions, please contact:

Jane Natali, Supervisor of Food Services
215-723-6061 Ext. 10231

Classroom Birthday Basket

By Souderton Area School District Food Service Department

Let us help make celebrating your child's birthday at school easier. Order a Birthday Basket for your child's classroom from the cafeteria and we'll take care of everything. Birthday treats will be delivered to your child's classroom on the date you specify.

Birthday Baskets include: (\$1.25 per child)
2 snack items per child.
Small prize per child (pencil, sticker)
Birthday Certificate

----- Order Form -----

Child's Name: _____
Home Phone Number: _____
School: _____
Teacher: _____
Grade: _____
Delivery Date: _____
Number of children in class: _____
Signature on Card (Love, Mom & Dad): _____



Please circle 2 items:

Cupcake – Vanilla or Chocolate	Apple Slices
Reduced Fat Muffin 2 oz. – Blueberry or Chocolate Chip	Mini Ice Cream Sandwich
Goldfish Crackers	Dixie Cup Ice Cream
Munchie Kid Mix	Frozen Fruit Pop
Soft Pretzel	100% Juice Box
Smart Food White Cheddar Popcorn	8 oz. Water
100 Calorie pack – Oreo or Chip Ahoy	Low Fat Milk – White or Chocolate

All items meet Souderton Area School District Wellness policy.

Send order form and payment to your child's school cafeteria. **Make check payable to SASD Cafeteria Account. ONLY PREPAID ORDERS WILL BE FILLED** and delivered. Orders must be received at least 2 weeks in advance.

Payment Due: _____ X \$1.25 = _____
(# of children) (payment due)

Please inquire on number of students in your child's class before ordering – **NO refunds will be made.**



Class Trip Bag Lunch Form

Eliminate the hassle of packing a bag lunch the morning of your child's class trip. Let the Food Service Department do the work for you!

Return this order form with your child's class trip permission form and lunch will be delivered to your child's classroom the morning of the trip.

Prices: \$2.30 for elementary students, \$2.55 for middle school students, \$0.40 for reduced students and free for students that qualify, \$4.10 for teachers and parent chaperones. Money on your child's Point of Sale account maybe used to pay for lunch.

This form must be returned 2 weeks before class trip. The food service staff will NOT be able to fill orders received the morning of the trip.

----- Order Form -----

Child's Name: _____

Child's ID Number: _____

Payment: Use POS Account _____ Paid Cash _____

Grade: _____

Teacher: _____ Room Number: _____

Date of Class Trip: _____

Lunch includes:

Choice of Sandwich (please check one):

___ Turkey Hoagie with Lettuce, Tomato and
Condiments

or

___ Italian Hoagie with Lettuce, Tomato and
Condiments

or

___ Cheese Sandwich with Condiments

Baked Potato Chips

Baby Carrots

Apple

Rice Krispie Treat

8 oz. Bottled Water (frozen, will thaw by lunchtime)

