

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Food Services Department would like to welcome you back. We would like to bring your attention to some of the changes to Food Services.

### **HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2019-20**

What's new this year? Pizza will be available daily in all schools starting September 9! Premium meals are available in all three High Schools starting September 9!

- ❖ Applications for Free or Reduced lunches are now available through the SchoolCafe app. We encourage every family to complete the annual application online.
- ❖ SchoolCafe has a mobile app. This app allows parents to monitor purchases, set restrictions, set up low balance alerts, automatic payments, etc. Visit SchoolCafe at [www.schoolcafe.com](http://www.schoolcafe.com). FAQ's are user friendly.
- ❖ Accounts are charged a transaction fee of \$1.95 when funds are added through School Cafe using a debit or charge card. This fee may be avoided by sending cash or money order (no personal checks) with your child. When sending cash, please place in a sealed envelope with child's full name on the outside of the envelope. Change will not be provided, any remaining funds will be put on the student's account.
- ❖ If a student is eligible for Free or Reduced priced lunch, they are eligible to receive breakfast as well. We strongly encourage children to eat breakfast at home or at school as we are all aware of the positive benefits of eating breakfast daily.
- ❖ Food Services has a Facebook page and an Instagram...check out what's new!
- ❖ Premade Sandwiches and Salads will be offered daily along with the regular menu items in High School & Intermediate Schools starting September 9.
- ❖ Help speed cafeteria serving lines by encouraging ALL children to learn their 5 digit ID #.
- ❖ Prices:
  - Breakfast: Elementary - \$1.85, Intermediate - \$2.00, High School - \$2.25
  - Lunch: Elementary - \$3.00, Intermediate - \$3.00, High School - \$3.25/Premium \$3.75
- ❖ As a friendly reminder, Toms River Schools Food Services Department utilizes automated phone system to notify parents that a student's meal account is low. This is done when a student's account reaches negative \$2.00.
- ❖ In accordance with legislation which was signed February 5, 2015, parents/guardians must be notified regarding debt accrued for breakfast & lunch provided by districts. When an account is not funded or cash not provided by a parent/guardian, a meal consisting of a cheese sandwich, vegetable, juice & milk will be offered. Student's who accept this meal will have their account charged the price of a meal.
- ❖ The previous year's meal determinations will continue until October 16, 2019. The Parent/Guardian will be responsible for any debt incurred beginning October 17, 2019. If you haven't received notification that your family is approved to receive free or reduced price meals for the 2019/20 school year, please complete an annual application at your earliest convenience to ensure children continue to receive meals. Applications may be obtained on [www.schoolcafe.com](http://www.schoolcafe.com), from the main office at your child's school or the Accounting Department, 1144 Hooper Avenue.

