

Dear Heritage Family,

August 10, 2024

Hot Lunches will be served starting August 20th. Lunches are \$6.50. If a 5th-12th grade student needs more food, there is a 2-entrée lunch option for \$9.50.

The Salad and Ready-to-Go options are available to everyone for \$7.50 and can be a wonderful choice for people with food allergies.

Snack time options: The Ready-to-Go option will be available anytime, just come see Mrs. Sheppard. We also will be offering Grab & Go snack items during snack time and lunches for students that are still hungry. Items like Chobani yogurt, cheese stick and crackers, chips. A price list will be posted, most items will be \$0.75 - \$1.50. Please bring cash for this option.

Your tuition account will be billed with each lunch order and is due upon receipt of your monthly statement. Your previous month's tuition/lunch account balances must be current if your child would like to order.

Lunches must be ordered by 10:00 a.m. in order to receive lunch. If your student forgets their lunch, they may call you or take a cold emergency lunch option for \$6.50, which includes a noodle cup or sandwich, yogurt or cheese, and fruit. Students may sign up for lunch during attendance / second hour attendance, at the front desk, or call the front desk if you are going to arrive late. Because we prepare the food to order, whatever the student is signed up for is what they will be served.

Special food needs: We try to keep the kitchen free from common allergens, like tree nuts, peanuts and latex, but unfortunately, we cannot accommodate every dietary need. Some hot lunch items may be ordered gluten-free or dairy free. Gluten-free lunches that have a special bun or crust will be \$7.50. Please send me an email to tell me your students' needs, this will help me remember to give your student the correct food. (i.e.: no pork, gluten-free, dairy-free, etc.)

The menu will be available on the website. Some changes may occur due to lack of availability. If you have any questions on what is being served, you are welcome to contact me at 970-494-1022 / library@heritagechristian.info.

Thank you!

Monica Sheppard

Some common questions:

- 1) What if I don't order lunch, will condiments be available for me to use?
 - a. Every day, we set out ketchup, ranch dressing, napkins and hot water for everyone to use. If your student will need forks, spoons, plates, other condiments, etc, please include them with their lunches.
 - b. Besides hot water, microwaves are available for use, please send items that do not need to be heated up for a long time, as there is a line of students waiting to use them, and their lunch time is short.

- 2) How much is milk?
 - a. We will be charging \$0.50 for milk, chocolate milk, and 3 oz cartons of juice. (Juice is usually available on the last day of the week.)
 - b. Please send labeled water bottles for your students, they may fill them up at the bottle filler stations around the school.

- 3) What if I didn't pack enough food in my lunch or don't like my lunch, may I get an emergency lunch?
 - a. No, emergency lunches are for students that do not have anything at all in their lunch. The lunch monitor will determine whether it's an emergency.
 - b. Bring some extra change – The Grab & Go snack cart will have items to purchase: Fresh fruit, cheese & crackers, chips - \$0.75 to \$1.50.
 - c. When you get home, let your parents know that you ate all your lunch, but are still hungry so they may decide whether to send more food or not the next time.

- 4) Can adults come and eat with their children?
 - a. Yes, parents are welcome to eat with us anytime and you may also order a hot lunch for the same price! Please let the office know you would like to order by 10:00.

- 5) What if I have food restrictions – dietary preferences?
 - a. The Salad option has breaded chicken, order it with gluten-free chicken or dairy free, etc.
 - b. We serve Hebrew National All-Beef Hot Dogs for hot dogs & pigs in a blanket. Corn dogs are a variety of meats - so please call for details. Bacon, sausage, pepperoni and sausage toppings will be a pork product.
 - c. Some of our food items mention soybean oil, like our French fries. Please let me know if you cannot have soy.
 - d. Please call or email me with any food questions! (970)494-1022 or library@heritagechristian.info We are happy to help!