

School Lunch Program



Please continue to check back to the cafeteria page for any updates or changes. I will update the letter by Friday morning at 10:00 weekly if there has been any changes from the previous week.

10/6/2021

****REVISED MESSAGE****

The Serving line has been changed to Friday installation, we will swap meals for the Day.. Tomorrow Thursday Oct 7th we will serve what's on the menu for Friday Oct 8th and Friday we will have assorted sandwiches, salads, nachos & smoothie meals, both lines will have the same offerings.

It has been a busy few weeks. I am happy to say participation in school meals has increased and things seem to be going well. I am sure you have heard deliveries are not as dependable due to staff shortages and product being out of stock. We are doing our best to keep offerings and menus as normal as possible. So far we have been pretty lucky but it predicted to only get more challenging.

Tomorrow, Thursday October 7th we are scheduled to receive our new service line in the cafeteria. We will still be offering lunches but we will only have grab and go options available. We are hoping this is a smooth transition and it only interferes with one day of service.

There will be assorted sandwiches, salads, nachos & smoothie meals, both lines will have the same offerings.

Anyone with a special diet lunch order, the process will remain the same. I had them fill out an order for Thursday according to what we would be offering.

Please reach out if you have any questions.

9/10/2021

Another great week. Lines are moving a little better, if you child does not have an ID yet or cannot find it, they can go to the main office and ask for a copy of their bar code. New School ID's will hopefully be in soon.

If you have a problem depositing money on your MySchoolBucks App try using the desk top version. They have had a couple of issues with the app and are working on updating it.

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9/3/2021

We made it through week one. I am happy to say we have high numbers of students participating in lunch this year. This has caused long lines. We are doing what we can to make them move as quickly as possible. If you could help by reminding them to have their ID's ready when they get in line to get there lunch, things can move a little faster. We are cashless, so there is no money exchange. If they have their card out, they could just scan it and go. (It may be a little tricky at first but once they know the angle to hold it, it works perfect) We are not allowing them to type in the numbers on the keypad to minimize the unnecessary contact. Sometimes it is hard to hear them when they are saying a number or spelling their name (masks do not help). This would take care of the biggest issue in line. This simple step would give them more time to eat and be with their friends. All past Old Colony ID's will work until they get their new one this year and new students have been given a barcode on orientation day. Therefore, everyone should have something.

8/27/2021

Almost there!!

I have posted the Special Diet order Forms. Please fill them out by Sunday if you will need any meals from those forms. See below (information from 8/20 of where to locate the forms). If you have any questions please let me know.

Direct Certification Letters will be mailed this week. If you receive one, please fill out the Share information Forms and return them to me by Sept 10th. Yes, everyone has free meals this year but there may be other opportunities for those who qualify. (Ex: P-EBT, Dual enrollment programs, etc.)

Enjoy your weekend

8/20/2021

You should have received an email last week that had your students' name, school ID# and balance on meal account. You can use this information to look up you student in My School Bucks, to create an account and deposit money so they are all set for day one. Please look below for the information on My School Bucks from last week's letter. If you have not received an email please check your spam folder, still nothing, contact me so I can make sure I have the correct information on file. Unfortunately, at this time I can only send information to one contact per student.

Special Diets: Go to [Old Colony's website](#), select STUDENTS or PARENTS in the navigation bar (across the top of the page), select Cafeteria Information, scroll down and select Special Diet Information and On-line Order. Once you are here, you can select the special diet you are looking for and this will lead you to the Lunch order form. I will have the following weeks order form posted by Friday of each week. Please fill it out and submit it by Sunday night so we have it first thing Monday Morning. We start early☺ I am hoping to have the first order form posted by Thursday August 26th, I am still waiting on the details of my serving line installation and wanted to hold off to minimize confusion on menu change.

Helpful Tips: Please view and have your student view the slide show on the [cafeteria page](#). It is set up for new students but is always helpful to review if you have any questions with in the school cafeteria. You can find it just below this letter & the Cafeteria Q&A.

8/13/2021

If there have been any changes to what was posted in previous weeks I will mark them in red. I wanted to keep all information included with updates as reference.

Meals will remain free for the entire school year. Every student can get one free breakfast and one free lunch each day. There will be fees/charges if they want a second meal, double or other ala-carte items. If there is any question with [what is included](#) with, a meal please ask one of the cafeteria staff. [You can view all ala-carte prices on the website](#).

2021-2022 Meal Prices – Second Meal Prices

Breakfast \$1.50

Lunch \$3.50

Look for these logos on our webpage to view our menus. Menus have been posted for August & September 2021. Our cafeteria is getting a much-needed new service line this year. Unfortunately, with all the delays in delivery we may not have it in for day one, so the menu on a couple of days may be changed to accommodate what we will have available for service. Fingers crossed it will only effect a couple of days. I will keep you updated, as I know. No matter what, we will still have meals available for breakfast & lunch every day.



We will continue to be a cashless environment during all meal services and all students will need their School ID's on them at all times.

[My School Bucks](#) is the online system that allows you to view what your child has purchased and make a deposit to the school meals account. You can deposit money into their account before school starts! Just select the MySchoolBucks Icon on our [web page](#) to set up an account. Any new students will be updated in the system by 08/13/2021. You will have an opportunity to make reoccurring deposits or individual deposits, as you need them.

If you prefer to send in a check, please make the check payable to Old Colony. On the memo line, put your child's name & ID number. **The check must be in a sealed envelope with your child's name and ATTN: Cafeteria on the front.** Your child will need to bring this to the front office first thing in the morning or in the drop box located by the registers at breakfast. We will then deposit money onto accounts before lunch service begins. Please do not forget to write all information on envelope. 😊

To purchase meals is the same for everyone, whether they have money on their account or have free or reduced priced meals. All your child will **need** is their **Student ID at the register for both Breakfast & Lunch.** On their ID is a barcode that they will scan at the register. If this is their first year at Old Colony and they do not have an ID yet, we will provide them with a copy of their barcode on or before the first day of school.

Yes, meals are free for everyone but there may be other opportunities/benefits if you qualify for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out an application if you would like to see if you qualify.

**Free & Reduced Meal Applications will be available on-line as of Friday 8/13/2021. Please check our website for the link [here](#). You will have the option to fill it out on-line or print a paper copy and send it in to me at school. All free and reduced applications sent back to school by August 25th will be processed before the first day of school. PLEASE make sure you are using the applications posted online: 2021-2022 Application. I will not be able to use prior year's applications. In addition, if you have a student who is attending another school district I will need a separate application. We are the only school in this district and we do not share application information with other schools.

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...and for any daily updates

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Looking forward to seeing your child soon 😊

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