

St. Matthew Catholic School

2023-2024 Lunch Program

Students can bring their own lunch or purchase a hot lunch from the cafe. The lunch menu is published weekly in The Warrior World. In addition to a hot lunch, students may opt for a chicken nugget meal or a PBJ meal.

Cost:

- Student lunch cost is \$3.85
- Student lunch is free or reduced (40¢) for qualifying students (see below)
- Milk only cost is 50¢
- Adult lunch cost is \$5.05

Lunch Balances:

It is our expectation that students always have a positive balance in their lunch accounts. Parents will receive a Low Balance Notification when a child's account balance is less than \$10. At no time will a student be denied a meal. However, if your child runs a negative balance for more than two weeks, we will request that your child brings lunch from home.

MealTime Software:

St. Matthew uses MealTime, a cafeteria software, to manage meal purchasing and payments. Parents may make online deposits into student lunch accounts or view their student's purchase history via the internet. Mealtime charges a transaction fee (4.9%) for all deposits made through the online system. If you prefer not to pay online, you may send a check to the school office.

All students will receive an ID card with a bar code linked to their student lunch account. When purchasing a meal, students will scan their ID card and the amount of purchase (whether full priced, free, or reduced) will be deducted from their account. All students must have a positive balance in their account to purchase ala carte items.

How to use Mealtime (www.mymealtime.com):

[Click here](#) for instructions on setting up a Mealtime account and making deposits.

Free and Reduced Lunch Program

St. Matthew Catholic School participates in the National School Lunch Program which provides free or reduced-priced (40¢) lunch to those students who qualify. Any parent who believes a student may qualify for this program may apply.

Free and Reduced Lunch:

- All families must re-apply for free/reduced benefits each year, even if the student received the benefits in the previous year. Families need not apply ONLY if they are directly certified (receiving Medicaid, TANF, SNAP).
- If your situation changes, applications can be made at any time throughout the school year.
- Applications and participation are confidential. Students receiving free or reduced lunches utilize a MealTime account like all other students.
- Applications open on July 1, 2023 for the 2023-24 school year.
- [Click here](#) for 2023-24 Free and Reduced application in English. [Click here](#) for Spanish.
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- Questions? Contact Kathy Gray at kgray@saintmatt.org.

8th Graders' End of Year Balances:

- If a negative lunch account balance exists, it must be paid in full before graduation.
- Positive balances over \$20 will be transferred to the next younger sibling's lunch account unless a request is made via email before May 31st to jgood@saintmatt.org to refund the balance. If there is no sibling registered for enrollment for the following year, parents will be contacted via email to determine if they want to donate the balance to the school or receive a refund.
- Positive balances under \$20 will be donated back to the school unless a request is made via email before May 31st to jgood@saintmatt.org to refund the balance.

Summer Food Program

The Summer Food Program for Children (SFSP) serves meals to children when the National School Lunch/Breakfast Program is not available. Yearly locations for the program are published in May/June.

VISIT [IN.GOV/DOE/NUTRITION](https://www.in.gov/DOE/NUTRITION) FOR DETAILS ABOUT THE SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

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