



NORTHMONT CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students:

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Welcome back for another great Northmont School year! My name is Pam Pearson, and I am the Food Service Director for the Northmont City School District. If you have any questions or concerns regarding Food Service, please feel free to call me at 832-5055. If I am not available, you may leave a message with my administrative assistant, Joanne Mazzone, at 832-5061, or Janet Geiger at 832-5059 and I will get back to you as soon as possible. I look forward to serving the Northmont Community.

Our Elementary lunch price is \$2.25 this year (\$0.40 for reduced students). Breakfast is served daily for \$1.35 (\$0.30 for reduced students). Elementary students have a choice of four lunches each day: regular lunch, weekly special lunch, chef salad lunch and PB&J lunch.

Our Middle School lunch price is \$2.45 this year (\$0.40 for reduced students). Breakfast is served daily for \$1.50 (\$0.30 for reduced students) from 7:15 a.m. until 7:40 a.m. Lunch is served from 11:10 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. Middle School students have numerous lunch choices daily including a regular lunch, salad lunch, PB&J lunch, and a "GRAB N' GO" lunch. Vending machines provide after-school snacks and beverages.

Our High School lunch price is \$2.45 this year (\$0.40 for reduced students). Breakfast is served daily for \$1.50 (\$0.30 for reduced students) from 7:15 a.m. until 7:40 a.m. (No food will be sold between 7:45 a.m. and 11:25 a.m.) Lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. High school students have numerous lunch choices daily (regular lunch, pasta lunch, wrap sandwich lunch, salad lunch, fresh fruit platters, etc.). There are 6 serving lines at the High School: four lunch lines, a deli with sandwiches and hot soup, and a snack line. There are also vending machines that provide after-school snacks and beverages throughout the high school building. Our after-school snack line is open Monday through Thursday from 3:00 p.m. to 3:40 p.m.

- Everyday at all school levels, we offer a wide selection of a la carte items. Students can buy these extra items if they buy or pack a lunch. **Students can purchase a carton (8 ounces) of milk (1%, 2%, skim, low fat chocolate, low fat strawberry, and whole) for \$0.50.** To review our menus (elementary, middle or high school) go to www.northmontschools.com. For nutritional information, call Joanne Mazzone at 832-5061.
- With our computerized system, we encourage prepayment of meals. Each student has a personalized identification number (PIN) that was given to him/her upon enrolling in our school district. Students will use their PIN number to access their meal account. You may prepay for your child's meals and a la carte items by sending cash, check (note student's name and ID number on the check – postdated checks will not be accepted) or by using Visa, MasterCard or Discover @ www.LunchDeposit.com. There is a nominal fee charged when you use a credit card to deposit money on your student's account through LunchDeposit. **The LunchDeposit.com website allows parents to make payments at anytime of day, view their student's balance and receive a report of student account activities.** We accept prepayments in any form from 1 day to 180 days. Prepayments can be made during breakfast or lunch service at anytime during the week.
- **Offer Versus Serve:** In all our schools we follow the "Offer Versus Serve" provision. Every day for breakfast and lunch the student is offered four food components (meat/meat alternate, grains/breads, fruits/vegetable and milk). For breakfast the student must choose at least 3 of the 4 breakfast food items from the components and at lunch they must choose at least 3 of the 5 lunch food items from the components. Offer Versus Serve allows students to refuse a food item they do not like, encourages freedom of choice, and eliminates excessive waste.
- **No Charging Policy:** Northmont School District has a **no charging** policy in the cafeteria for grades K-12. Students **will not** be allowed to charge in the cafeteria. **Please make sure your child has money on his/her meal account.** If you need help with meal costs, you can complete a Free/Reduced Meal Application. If you fill out a Free/Reduced Meal Application, please remember to send money or pack your student's lunch until you receive a notification letter stating you have been approved for free or reduced meals.
- **Each student will receive a multi-child application for free and reduced meals.** Please fill it out and return the application to Northmont Food Service, 7277 Hoke Rd, Clayton, OH 45315, ATTN: Joanne Mazzone or complete an application on-line at www.LunchApp.com. If you did not receive an application, contact your Principal's Office to have one sent home with your child or complete one on-line. **Applications will be reviewed and an eligibility determination will be made within 10 working days upon receipt of the application in the Food Service Office.** Our computer system insures your child's confidentiality. **COMPLETE ONE APPLICATION FOR YOUR ENTIRE HOUSEHOLD.** If you need help with this application, please call Joanne Mazzone at 832-5061.
- If your child received free or reduced meals last year, his/her meal status will be carried over for the first 30 operating days of the new school year. You must complete a new application for the 2009-10 school year. **If no application is received, the student(s) will be removed from the free/reduced meal program effective September 30, 2009.**
- If you would like to apply for free or reduced student fees or extracurricular fees, please complete the Free/Reduced multi-child meal application and **return it to the principal's office or mail it to Northmont Food Service office (at the above address).**

Sincerely,

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