

Dear SJCS D Families,

As a result of COVID-19 pandemic, we are seeing nationwide disruptions to manufacturing, supply and distribution channels and it is impacting our school meal program. In short, we're having trouble getting foods, supplies and staff to support our program. Your student(s) may notice that we're serving different items than we've served in the past or different items than were listed on the menu. This situation is something that school districts across the country are experiencing. We are doing our best every day to come up with solutions to these challenges.

To reduce the demand on our supply chain and accommodate current staffing levels, the St. Johns County School District will **return to normal food service operations on Wednesday, December 1, 2021**. Students who qualify for free or reduced meals based on direct certification or a family income application will continue to receive meals at no or reduced costs. Students who are not eligible based on income will return to a **PAID status**.

Beginning today, October 25 through Tuesday, November 30, families are encouraged to complete the family lunch application if they feel they qualify for free or reduced cost meals. Applications are located on the SJCS D Website at <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/food/free/>, your student's school or the Food and Nutrition Services Office located at 3015 Lewis Speedway, Building 7, St. Augustine, FL 32084. Eligibility status is protected by very strict disclosure regulations. Students use a PIN or Student ID in the serving line. The student's eligibility is private throughout the transaction.

If your student(s) attend(s) a Community Eligibility Program School, there is no need to complete an application. All students will continue to receive no cost meals through the end of the school year. These schools are as follows: Webster Elementary, Crookshank Elementary, Osceola Elementary, South Woods Elementary, Mason Elementary, The Transitions School, Gamble Rogers Middle School, Murray Middle School, Sebastian Middle School and St. Johns Technical High School.

Beginning Wednesday, December 1, 2021 Meal Prices will be:

| | | <u>Breakfast</u> | <u>Lunch</u> |
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| Elementary: | Paid | \$1.25 | \$2.80 |
| | Reduced | \$0.30 | \$0.40 |
| Middle/High: | Paid | \$1.25 | \$2.95 |
| | Reduced | \$0.30 | \$0.40 |

Prepayments into student lunch accounts can be made by using PayPams. The link to this service is located at <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/food/paypams/>.

We will continue serving our students a variety of nutritious foods. While there may be some menu changes, please know that we will strive to meet nutrition guidelines set by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). We will also continue to accommodate students with special diets and allergies. We appreciate your patience and understanding. If you have questions, please contact the Student Nutrition Services Department at 904-547-8931.

Sincerely,
Sean Prevatt
Director of Food and Nutrition Services