## Lets EAT!

## 2021 - 2022

## It's a new school year and time for a conversation about meals at school!

We are excited to start another school year!! As we continue to offer food options that are not only healthy, but kid favorites, we want to share IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT LUNCH SERVICES.

<u>MySchoolBucks</u> - We strongly encourage all parents and guardians to discuss meal options and responsible purchases with their children. Please consider using <u>myschoolbucks.com</u> as a tool for you, the parent/guardian, to review your child's purchases and manage their lunch account balance. There is no charge to set up an account and monitor your child's cafeteria purchases.

<u>Menus</u> - During the 2021-2022 school year we will have several options available every day for breakfast. Let us provide your students with a healthy breakfast and lunch every day! Breakfast is offered at all 12 schools. The 2021-2022 menus will be available at <u>www.sylvaniaschools.org</u> and are updated monthly. Breakfast and Lunch prices are on the menus.

**NOTE**: Due to the special circumstances of the pandemic there are supply shortages from suppliers across the nation. There may be times that the options can/will change as necessary but please understand *every* effort is made to offer menu items. Thank you for your patience and understanding in trying times.

<u>No kid goes hungry</u> – The lunch line is as safe as our classrooms! We will never take food from a child. However, any lunch and breakfast charges are the responsibility of the student's parent or guardian and will be collected like other student fees.</u>

<u>Meal accounts</u> - In an attempt to make certain no student goes without breakfast or lunch, our system has been configured to allow students to <u>charge full meals</u> (**not** a la carte items) when they do not have food or cash with them, or money <u>on</u> their lunch account. Charges to the meal account are the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

<u>Charging is for emergencies</u> – The meal account charge system is required by the state of Ohio. It is intended to be used for the <u>occasional</u> time when a child does not have funds in their meal account or does not have money with them. This is NOT a revolving charge account, like a store credit card would be, and the meal account balance(s) are the responsibility of the parent or guardian.

**Meal account balances** – Notification is sent out periodically if a student's lunch account balance is over - \$5.00 in arrears (<u>a negative balance</u>). If the account is not brought current, the charges will then be applied to the student's Power School account and must be paid to the Treasurer's Office. If that should happen, notification is sent out.

<u>Set limitations</u> -The student's meal account can have specific limitations set and we will try to accommodate the parent request(s) regarding food purchases and/or monetary limits. The food service staff is available to discuss these options at (419) 824-8655 or (419) 824-8511.

<u>Need assistance?</u> After August 2, 2021, the application for free and reduced meals through the National School Lunch and Breakfast Act for the 2021-2022 school year is available at: <u>sylvaniaschools.org/ourschool-district/administration/food-service</u>

## NOTE: Re-application is required <u>each</u> school year for students to qualify for waived or reduced school fees.

We are committed to better nutrition and quality foods while staying within the required guidelines. Please help us in our efforts to feed and serve students to make a difference. Thank you for your support in your child's nutrition and education, and for your continued support of our cafeteria program. We are passionate about feeding and serving students to make a difference.