

SCHOOL DINING SERVICES



Newburyport Upper Elementary, Middle School and High School
August, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We want to extend a warm welcome to let you know that **Chartwells School Dining Services** has exciting plans for your school meal programs. Our mission is to serve nutritious, well-balanced meals that appeal to our students and school community! We understand that although change is good, it is not without challenges - we will do our best to address any questions and concerns that may arise. Here is some general information that will be helpful to begin the new school year:

Meal Prices:

Lunches will cost \$2.75 in elementary schools (grades Pre K-3) and \$3.00 in upper elementary & secondary schools.

	Breakfast (High School Only)	Lunch
Paid	\$1.75	\$2.75-\$3.00 (Alternative premium meal offered @ H.S., \$3.75)
Reduced	\$.30	\$.40
Adult	\$2.75	\$3.75

Milk & Lactaid is available with all meals. All 8 oz. cartons are \$.60 if purchased separately.

Menu Highlights:

This year we will be offering some of student's favorite foods such as Taco and Pasta Bars, fresh grilled Panini Sandwiches, and fresh baked pizza. We will be working with administrators, students, and parents to gain insight on how we can enhance our services. Our "Simply Good" and "Farm to Schools" programs have a culinary emphasis that focuses on healthy meal options, especially ones with fruits, vegetables, whole grains and lean proteins. In addition, selections from our cold vegetable and fruit bar are available with all meals, along with choice of milk. Special menu items are available for students with dietary restrictions, please see your school nurse before you contact the food service department. Gluten free, vegetarian options and healthier snack items are available daily. A hot and cold **breakfast is offered daily at the High School** from 7:00am – 7:25am, we encourage all students to participate in this quick and nutritious meal. All students who are eligible for free or reduced lunch are also eligible for breakfast. **Menus are available on "nutrislice" newburyport.nutrislice.com, our interactive website and free smartphone app lets you access menus with nutrition information anywhere, anytime!**

Lunch Payments:

Newburyport School District's Food Service Department provides parents a convenient, easy and secure online prepayment service to deposit money into your child's school meal account at any time. This service also provides parents the ability to view your child's account balance and **set up low balance alerts**. Student food allergy information, obtained from the school nurse, will also be in the register system; signaling a warning on the cashiers' screen for a review of the items on the student's tray. All information in student's accounts is strictly confidential. Payments can be made on-line at www.MySchoolBucks.com or by sending in a check or cash. Please include your child's full name on the check and make checks payable to Newburyport School Lunch. Please make every effort to keep lunch accounts current. A high lunch balance could result in lunch services being stopped, an alternative lunch is always offered. Students at the High School must have money in their account, **charging at the High School is not allowed**.

Other Information:

Applications for Free and Reduced lunch will be sent home with your child in September and should be returned to school as soon as possible for processing. **School lunch applications must be renewed each school year**. Letters will then be sent home to confirm eligibility.

To learn more about Chartwells please visit our website, www.eatlearnlive.com. Links for lunch payments, MySchoolbucks, and menu/nutrition information, Nutrislice, are also located on your school districts home page www.newburyport.k12.ma.us.

We're excited about our partnership with the Newburyport School District and hope to provide a great program while becoming part of the community.

Please feel free to contact us at any time at sseale@newburyport.k12.ma.us or 978-465-4460.

Sincerely,
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