

Comstock Park Public Schools

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Dear Parent(s),

Kindergarten round up is an exciting time for students and families, as you start a new chapter in life, we want to extend a warm welcome! Chartwells K12 and Comstock Park Public Schools are eager to welcome you and your student into the school café with new flavors, events, food and wellness education that surely to inspire a healthy and fun 2024-25 school year!

Education Benefit Forms or School Meals and Summer EBT Applications:

A new Education Benefit Form or School Meals Application must be completed annually to receive school meal assistance. The new forms will not be available until July 1, 2024. We are currently unsure if the Governor's State School Aid Budget for Free Michigan Meals will extend into the 2024-25 school year. Once the information is available, I will send out communication to all families, along with which form families will need to complete.

Food Allergies & Disabilities:

If your child has a food allergy or disability, please contact Melissa Alley to receive a medical statement that must be filled out by the child's doctor including what the allergy/disability is and what the substitutions can be. This form needs to be filled out anytime your child's allergies change to ensure we are providing proper/safe meals. Once the doctor has completed the Special Diet Statement, please email it to the Food Service Director Melissa Alley at malley@cppschoools.com. Once the document is received the Food Service Director will contact the parent/guardian listed on the form to discuss meal accommodations and menu before it is put in place. **Please make sure you send your child to school with meals until an alternate menu is made and the parent/guardian has spoken with the Food Service Director.** Please check out our menus on NUTRISLICE for further information on food allergens. You can also locate the medical/allergy form on our school district food service web page under resources at <https://www.cppschoools.com/district/departments/food-service/>.

Payment and Meal Accounts:

For your convenience, we accept payment online with debit or credit card. To do so you must log into your PowerSchool Parent Account to access School Pay. School Pay allows you to add money onto your student's lunch account. You may also send cash or checks with your child to school. Please make sure the payment is identified for food service and child/children's names are on the payment. Please make checks payable to Comstock Park's Food Service. For instructions on School Pay please visit the districts food service web page or go to the links below;

https://www.cppschoools.com/downloads/food_service/powerschool_brochure_2020.pdf

https://www.cppschoools.com/downloads/food_service/powerschool_brochure_spanish_2020.pdf

Charging Policy:

All Comstock Park students are allowed to charge meals, should they forget their lunch money, up to a -\$10.00. Once student's negative balance exceeds this amount, the student will be placed on an alternate meal including a toasted cheese sandwich with a fruit and a milk until the negative balance is paid in full. The district will send home emails, letters, and make every effort to contact families. A-La-Carte items will not be allowed to be charged once an account reaches a negative balance.

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Comstock Park Public Schools does not allow food shaming in our district. If a child already has a school meal on their tray, we will not take it away or throw it away, their account will be charged for the meal. If you are experiencing financial hardship, please fill out a Education Benefit Form or School Meals Form which can be found at <http://www.cppschoools.com/district/departments/food-service> or by going to <https://comstockpark.familyportal.cloud/>

School Food Service Prices 2024-25

Will be available after July 1, 2024. Please check the Districts Food Service web page.

Fresh Produce and Local Partners

Infusing fresh and local flavors into the school menu is a priority for our chefs, and we are proud to support local farmers and companies, bringing students the freshest possible produce while supporting local farmers. Local produce and products on the menu this year include: Apples, Cherries, Blueberries, Strawberries, Peaches, Plums, Carrots, Broccoli, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Peppers, and any in-season produce.

Mobile Menus are in Your Hands-Nutrislice

Nutrislice brings the power of school menus, nutrition and allergen information right to the palm of your hands! In addition to nutrition information, Nutrislice tells the café menu story with real photos taken by Chartwells chefs in schools, full menu descriptions as well as café event information, nutrition education and food stories helping students connect the foods they eat in the café to its origins and health benefits. Download the free Nutrislice App from the App Store (iOS) or Google Play (Android) and search for your menus or find them on the web: <https://cppschools.nutrislice.com/menu>. For more information, please visit the district food service webpage.

Discovery Kitchen, Mood Boost, Chefs2Schools, Promotions:

Throughout the year, students will have the opportunity to learn about healthier food options through fun and engaging activities that we have planned in the school cafeteria through our Discovery Kitchen and Mood Boost nutrition education programs brought to the café by Chartwells chefs and dietitians. We will do food samplings and provide nutrition educations and activities for the students to enjoy. Food Service will feature a variety of themes and events-look for more information on these events throughout the school year in our Food Service Monthly Newsletters.

Best Regards,
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