

Back to School Cafeteria Newsletter SY 23-24

Chartwells in partnership with the Merton Community School District continues to serve up happy and healthy in your school cafeterias.

We can't wait to welcome students back to the cafeteria for breakfast and lunch this year! Students will once again have a choice of entrée, fruit/vegetable, and milk.

In order to be a reimbursable meal, students are required to take a fruit and/or vegetable with their meal.

We plan our menus to include foods kids love to eat and a variety of nourishing foods to support learning, growth, and development. We will serve a variety of fruits and vegetables for students to choose on our salad bars.

Questions or Comments?

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Spotlight

Meal Pricing

In order to support the rising cost of labor and product, lunch prices have increased.

See meal prices on page 3 of this newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support!

Dining Services Administrative Assistant

In October 2022, we welcomed Dawn Booth as our administrative assistant in the food service department.

She can assist with student account/lunch balance questions.



You can contact Dawn at the email below:
boothd@merton.k12.wi.us

A la Carte

A la carte snacks and beverages are available to students at Merton Intermediate. We are excited to offer a variety of fun foods such as freshly baked cookies, ice cream, chips, milk, 100% juices, and water. Students must have funds available in their account to purchase these items.

Students at the Primary school can purchase extra milk for \$0.25. As a reminder, all reimbursable/complete meals come with milk. Primary students may also purchase extra entrees or sides if there are funds available in their account.

Now is a great time to check your student(s) account on Skyward for balance, ala carte limits, and purchase holds/blocks.

Note: If your child has an ala carte limit of less than \$0.75, they will not be able to purchase any extra sides at the Primary school. The minimum at the Intermediate school is \$0.65.

See current Merton Ala carte Prices document on the website.

Allergies

If your child has any food related allergies, you must contact your school nurse and forward any medical information and forms **yearly** to the Dining Services Director for consideration. Please contact Bethany Waala at waalab@merton.k12.wi.us with any concerns and for the Special Dietary Needs Medical Statement.



23-24 Meal Pricing

Primary: \$3.15

Intermediate Tier 1: \$3.40

Intermediate Tier 2: \$3.75

How Do I Pay for Lunch?

The Merton Community School District requires payment in advance for school meals and milk. The fastest and easiest method is to pay online via family access. You may also send cash or check (payable to Merton Community School District) in an envelope labeled with your child's name to the front office.

During the school year, money received in the morning will be recorded in time for the **next day's** lunch.

If you have questions about payments, please contact the district office.

What's for Lunch?

To access the Chartwells Dining Services page, go to the Merton School District website www.merton.k12.wi.us

After you have accessed the district's website, click on the Families tab. Scroll to the middle to find Lunch Program.

You will be able to access all school menus, school dining information, news about Chartwells and links to health and nutritional information.

View the most up-to-date menu at mertonk12.nutrislice.com



Free/Reduced Priced Meal Information

With the expiration of USDA waivers, school meals are no longer free for all. The last status determination carries over until October 16, 2023, so you must submit an application to prevent a disruption in meal benefits.

The data from these applications also allows the district and/or your family to qualify for additional aid in some instances.

Applications can be printed from the district web page. Paper applications are also available in the District Office.



Cafeteria Programs



Elementary students will have monthly opportunities this school year to participate in programming such as Discovery Kitchen.

Discovery Kitchen allows students a fun and safe environment to explore new flavors.

Chartwells is launching a *NEW* program at Merton Intermediate!



Global Eats turns food into a worldly adventure and encourages students to eat together and taste new foods and flavors while learning about different cultures.

Over the course of 4 weeks, students will be learning about Mexico, Italy, India, and China. Each week, new menu items will be introduced featuring the unique ingredients and authentic recipes from each featured country that were created in partnership with a series of celebrity chefs who specialize in global cuisines.

Of course, there will be cool SWAG with all our programs.

Intermediate Meal Service FAQs



What's on the Menu?

We serve food kids love to eat! Freshly Baked Pizza, Crispy Chicken Sandwiches and Made-to-Order subs are just a few...

American Classic station rotates daily with items such as Mashed Potato & Popcorn Chicken Bowl, Sweet n' Sour Chicken, Breakfast-for-Lunch and more!

Grilled station rotates 2 choices daily with items such as Mini Corn Dogs, Hamburger, and BBQ Pulled Pork on a Bun

2mato station offers homemade cheese and pepperoni pizza MWF with specialty flatbreads T/Th

So Deli station offers build you own sandwiches daily.

On the Go station offers grab and go parfaits and salads for times when students are in a hurry or just don't want to wait.

A meal isn't complete with out a fruit and/or vegetable, so we offer a hot vegetable of the day, a variety of fresh vegetables on our salad bar, and variety of fresh, canned, and dried fruits on our salad bar.

What is the Cost?

Merton Intermediate offers paid student pricing in two tiers. Both tiers include entrée, fruit and/or vegetable, and milk. Students must take a fruit and/or vegetable to make it a complete/reimbursable meal. Please encourage your students to do so to get the best pricing!

Tier 1: \$3.40 (American classics, Grilled, and On the Go)

Tier 2: \$3.75 (Tuesday Classic, So Deli, and 2Mato)

If you think you may qualify for free or reduced priced meals, please complete an application each school year.

You can add money to your student's lunch account via efunds.

What are the a la carte options?

We offer a variety of "fun" foods for students to purchase a la carte. A sample of our offerings and prices is below.

Freshly Baked Cookies \$0.50

Chips (variety) \$1.25

Cedar Crest Ice Cream \$1.00-\$1.25

Whole Grain Muffins \$1.00

Fruit Snack \$0.75

Water \$1.00-\$1.50

Naked Fruit Smoothie \$2.50

Rice Krispies \$1.25

100% Juice & Izze \$1.50-\$2.50

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
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