

# CALEDONIA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are thrilled to be serving your child for the 2024-25 school year! To kick off the new school year, we wanted to share some reminders and updates we'll be introducing this fall.

Caledonia Community Schools is excited to offer (1) free breakfast and (1) free lunch to all students starting this new school year thanks to the Michigan Healthy School Meals Program!

Even though meals will be provided for free, it is important for families to continue to fill out the free and reduced lunch form *in order for our schools to receive full access to federal and state funding for educational programs that our students are entitled to*. We are asking that you please complete and submit the application as soon as possible to ensure that additional funding for our school is available to meet the needs of our students. All information on the application submitted is confidential.

## **Meal Options & Prices**

Caledonia Community Schools will provide (1) free breakfast and (1) free lunch meal daily. However, 2nd meals and a la carte items will be out of pocket. Please note the state does not classify "just milk" as a full balanced meal. Therefore, students who get "just milk" will be charged \$0.50 each.

2nd Breakfast Price: \$1.45 2nd Secondary Lunch Prices: \$2.65 Milk Only Prices: \$0.50 2nd Elementary Lunch Price: \$2.40

### **Paying for School Meals**

Every student has an individual account, which is used for breakfast, lunch, milk, and a la Carte choices. Money is only deducted from an account when the student goes through the line. Students will still have the option to pay cash when they go through the line, however, we strongly encourage all students to use their account to make purchases so that parents can view account activity online.

Payments can be made by check, cash, and money order or by going to <u>Meal Magic Family Portal</u>. Checks or Money Orders should be made out to Caledonia Community Schools and can only be deposited for the entire amount. No change will be given to students.

## **Food Allergies and Special Dietary Needs**

We recognize the critical importance in supporting students and families who manage food allergies and dietary modifications. Our approach involves coordination between parents and guardians, school nurses, school administrators, and food service professionals in the school's/district's food allergy and medical conditions protocol.

In order for food service to make any meal accommodations we need a completed Special Diet Statement form which can be found on the Cal Schools website under the food service webpage. Please note this documentation must be signed by a licensed medical provider.

Please complete the Special Diet Statement and send it to the Food Service Director, Meaghan Beyer, at beyerm@calschools.org. Once the document is received, the Food Service Director will contact the parent/guardian listed on the form to go over meal accommodation and the menu before we put it 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.

For any children who are currently receiving meal accommodations, please contact Meaghan Beyer at 616-891-0227 to review the meal accommodation plan, which may require additions or amendments based on the ongoing supply chain issues. No special meals/menus will be developed until the Food Service Director receives the proper documentation and is able to go over it with the parent/guardian.

#### Menus

Through Nutrislice, an innovative app, students, parents, and faculty have access to school menus, including nutrition information, allergens, and photos. Nutrislice can be downloaded for free from the App Store (iOS) or Google Play (Android) and is available on desktop and mobile devices. Menus are also available at <a href="https://calschool.nutrislice.com/">https://calschool.nutrislice.com/</a>

Through sharing our passion for great-tasting food, instilling a desire for food discovery, and most importantly, providing nourishing meals, we're excited to continue serving up happy and healthy meals to your children in the year ahead. Your feedback is important to us. Please reach out to our team with any questions or comments. We're looking forward to a great school year!

serving up happy & healthy

Meaghan Beyer, RD Food Service Director