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St. Paul Lutheran School Hot Lunch Program at GACC Information for 2023-2024

Children need healthy meals to learn. St. Paul Lutheran School, served at GACC, participates in the National Lunch Program and offers healthy meals every school day. All meals provided meet the U.S.D.A. requirements. Currently, we are expecting the free meal waivers to end. Lunch costs for the 2023-2024 school year are as follows: \$1.88 for K, \$1.93 for grades 1-6, and \$2.03 for grades 7-8. Adult meals are priced at \$4.65 this school year. **Your child(ren) may qualify for free or reduced price meals.** Reduced price this year is \$.40. If your child(ren) qualified for free or reduced price meals in past school year, you must submit a new application by September 28, 2023, in order to avoid an interruption in meal benefits.

Each meal includes one carton of milk. Additional milk is available for \$0.40 each. Seconds are also available for lunch items at an additional cost. Grades K-3 can have seconds on **Salad Bar Only**. Grades 4-8 can have seconds on the main item as well as salad bar. The price for seconds, for 4-8, varies depending on the item: a main item \$1.90, side \$0.65, both main & side \$2.50 and seconds on deli are \$2.50. **Please Note that student's receiving Free & Reduced lunches ONLY RECEIVE one meal and one milk, seconds are charged as stated.**

Children from households that meet Federal guidelines are eligible for Free or \$0.40 Reduced price meals. To apply for free or reduced price meals, complete the application form. It can be found on the school website. Go to www.stpaulwp.org, find the "Registration & Parent Information" tab, scroll down to "School Lunch Program Served at GACC" section and you can view and download all of the forms available for the 2023-2024 school year. Other documents and forms have lunch program information as well, but the Application for Free & Reduced Lunches (Attachment C) is the one you must complete to apply for free and reduced meals.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS INFORMATION IS STRICTLY KEPT CONFIDENTIAL!

All hot lunch bills need to be paid as soon as possible each month in order for St. Paul to stay current with their bills, with the exception of August and September. These months should be paid on Registration Day. Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated. You can check your account balance at any time on TeacherEase and an itemized statement will be sent home in the family folders at the end of each month or by calling the school office at (402) 372-2355.

Food Stamps (SNAPS)/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)/AFDC Households have already filled out the necessary paper work to qualify them for the hot lunch program so you only need to list your

child's name and the food stamp or AFDC case number. Print your name and **SIGN the application**. Since you have already given income information to the welfare office, the school can confirm your eligibility.

All other households can refer to the chart for income guide lines to see if they qualify for reduced or free lunches. Please check the guidelines and take advantage of this opportunity to help meet the cost of the meals. **You only need to fill out one application per family**. Remember to fill out part 3 of the application by putting **all household names** and their earnings. Children babysitting sporadically or just working summers do not have to divulge those earnings. However, if your child works all year round those earnings have to be included.

IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR FREE OR REDUCED MEALS PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS YOU CAN. YOU CAN FIND THE FORMS AND INFORMATION ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE.

LUNCH MUST BE PAID AS SOON AS POSSIBLE EACH MONTH
UNLESS YOU PREPAY BY SEMESTER OR YEAR OR ANY OTHER TIME
(WE ARE UNABLE TO PAY GACC WITHOUT YOUR PAYMENTS!)

Lunch Information 2023-2024

You can pay your balance anytime your account is getting low.

Please remember you can check your balance on TeacherEase at any time or by calling the school office.

The **estimates** are based on the school calendar and 100% attendance. They are adjusted with credits to your account as needed. Estimates follow:

	K	1st-6th	7th-8th	Reduced
Month:	\$1.88/meal	\$1.93meal	\$2.03/meal	40¢ meals
First Semester (75 lunch days)	\$141.00	\$144.75	\$152.25	\$30.00
Second Semester (78 lunch days)	\$146.64	\$150.54	\$158.34	\$31.20
Yearly cost	\$287.64	\$295.29	\$310.59	\$61.20

Please Note: Free & Reduced students only receive one meal and one milk at the free or reduced rate.

ALL seconds must be paid to GACC at the time of purchase on the day they are purchased. Please send close to exact change. GACC does not accept large bills.

If you have any questions or need help, please contact the school office at (402) 372-2355 or by email at stpaulschool@stpaulwpne.org.

Sincerely,

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