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Dear Parent or Guardian,

We would like to welcome you and your student to the 2017-2018 school year! Aramark Education is proud to continue our partnership with Penn-Trafford School District with many new menu items, promotions, and exciting events planned for this upcoming year. If you've never eaten with us before, now is the best time to explore how fresh, exciting, and cost-effective the Penn-Trafford's food service program can be! Here is how it will work for this upcoming year:

Breakfast: Don't forget about breakfast! Many students eat before coming to school, but find that they're still hungry before lunch. Our breakfast program is your solution! The breakfast menu features an assortment of cereal, muffins, breakfast bars, breakfast sandwiches, fresh fruit, 100% juice and milk. Breakfast is served in the cafeteria prior to the start of school. Breakfast this year will be priced at \$1.30 (\$.30 for reduced) for Elementary and Middle Schools, and by individual items at the High School. **Don't forget:** if your Elementary or Middle School student qualifies for Free or Reduced Benefits, you're also eligible for a free or reduced **breakfast** as well!

Lunch: At the Elementary and Middle Schools, lunch includes one entrée, with a choice of a fresh fruit, vegetable, and/or milk sides! Here are our lunch prices for the upcoming year:

- Elementary students pay \$2.20 for a regularly-priced meal, \$2.55 for a premium meal, and \$.40 for a reduced-priced meal.
- Middle School students pay \$2.55 for a regularly-priced meal, \$3.20 for a premium meal, and \$.40 for a reduced-priced meal.
- At the High School, all items are priced individually with the exception of the \$3.50 Main Course Feature Meal and \$4.95 Weekly Featured Combos. All Free-Eligible Students at the High School are provided with one free \$3.50 Main Course feature meal from only the Main Course line each day.

Here's the process for purchasing meals from Penn-Trafford's food service program:

- The first step in this process is making sure that your student knows his or her PIN, which will follow your child throughout his or her time in the district. Every student has been issued an ID number; if you are unsure of your child's ID number, please call the foodservice office at 724-744-4471 ext.1750.
- Breakfast is served in the cafeteria prior to the start of school and students may proceed directly to the cafeteria in the morning before class to participate in the breakfast program.
- During breakfast & lunch, each student will be required to pass through the cash register and enter his or her PIN, regardless of meal benefit status.
- We encourage parents to make use of the **K12 Payment Center (lunchprepay.com)**, a **free** website designed for you to view your account balance, set up low balance reminders, see your child's purchase history, and even make online payments! There is a credit card processing fee associated with making online payments, but all other services are completely **free** to you! Pre-payments on student meal accounts may also be sent to your school office by cash or check or be deposited at breakfast or lunch each day.



- Our food service program will make every effort to accommodate your child's dietary restrictions, allergies, and food preferences. If you would prefer that your child not consume a particular menu item, please contact the foodservice office so we can notify our cashiers. From there, we will include a message on your child's account that will notify the cashier at the time of purchase.

Birthday Treats: You can purchase a treat for your child and their classroom through the food service department! Fill out the 17-18 Party Snacks form found on the Food Service webpage and submit the form with your payment to the nurse at your school. We'll take care of it from there!

Negative Balances: We encourage parents to make every effort to prevent their child's balance from going into arrears. The easiest way to keep up with their account balance is to set up free balance reminders on **lunchprepay.com**. In the event that your child does have a negative balance, you will receive regular notifications from the district and repercussions including but not limited to withholding of report cards and/or diploma until the balance is paid in full.

Free or Reduced Meal Benefits: There are several very important items to remember about applying for Free or Reduced Meal Benefits for the upcoming year:

- Don't forget: you must **re-apply** each year for this benefits to continue for the 2017-2018 school year! There is a grace period that allows your child to eat on last year's benefits that ends in **the first week of October** so be sure to get in your new application as soon as possible!
- If you have a student in the High School, there is a separate form for the High School free meals application. If you have children in both an Elementary/Middle school AND the High School, this means that you will need to fill out **two** applications for this year. Make sure all members of your household are listed in **both** applications!
- You can find this year's applications posted on the Food Service Website

We are excited for the start of the school year and to continue our partnership with the district to create a fun and engaging student experience around food while meeting the quality and nutritional needs of your child. If you have any questions, concerns, or feedback, please feel free to review the Food Service page on the district website or contact the foodservice office at 724-744-4471 ext.1750.

We're looking forward to a great year! Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Van Patter". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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