

Dear Parents, Students, and Faculty,

For years, the print lunch menu has been the staple in every household across the country. While print menus are still effective for many, there is a transformation taking place that makes them less effective for others. The way people approach food decisions is changing, and traditional PDF and print menus just aren't enough anymore.

In an attempt to provide the best overall meal experience for all, The Nutrition Group has partnered with the leading provider of digital menu software, Nutrislice, and rolled out their menus platform to your district.

Why is change needed?

- Food allergies and sensitivities are becoming more common, and PDF menus don't provide the necessary information to accommodate individuals with these needs
- PDF menus do not provide the best accessibility
- The food options we serve are increasing, and it is difficult to list everything on a single page for a month
- It is common for menu changes to occur after PDF menus are printed so they are not always the most up-to-date
- We have received a number of requests for digital options to view menus
- We would like to take a more environmentally-friendly approach

As we move forward and embrace Nutrislice as our menus platform, there are a few details I would like to call out:

- While we will no longer be sending print menus home, the Nutrislice platform provides the ability to print a standard weekly or monthly menu with the added functionality to either filter the menu based on dietary needs/preferences and/or print the menu with carb counts for each item
- Your menus are now accessible online as well as within the Nutrislice mobile app and on Amazon Alexa enabled devices
- Your menus now display food images, descriptions, nutritional info, allergen info, and special diet info, so you have more information available to review when making a food decision
- Nutrislice is making it more convenient to access your menus anywhere, anytime

I know that change is not always easy or favorable by all, but please know that this decision was made after a lot of discussion and careful consideration. Our mission at The Nutrition Group is to provide the absolute best in food and facility management, and we feel very confident that the Nutrislice platform is needed to continue embracing this mission.

Best Regards,
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