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— DE PADUA —
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

New Guidelines! Free Hot Lunches for All Students
Now Available through December 31st

On August 31, 2020, an announcement came from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), which offered free hot lunches, as an extension of Federal COVID-19-related policies, for all students in the U.S. The original mandate was a bit unclear as to whether private schools were included in this program. Great news! We just received clarification from the State. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is now including private schools in their extension of free meals to **ALL students** through December 31, 2020, or until the funding has been exhausted.

What does this mean for you?

1. Free lunches for all students began September 1st (if you have already ordered for the month of September), and will run through December 31, 2020, or until the federal funding has run out.
2. The offering is retroactive to September 1st only. Any meals purchased from the first day of school (August 19th), through August 31, 2020, are not eligible for reimbursement.
3. The USDA free lunch program covers the cost of a hot lunch, which comes with one milk. The program does not cover the cost of extra entrees (extra pizza slices), additional milks, or the cost of a student purchasing a 'milk only' for cold lunch.
4. For September, FACTS accounts have only been charged for extra entrees, additional milks, or the cost of a student purchasing a 'milk only' for cold lunch. Lunch charges have been credited.
5. Students who wish to purchase a 'milk only' will still receive a \$0.50 charge to their FACTS account.
6. The new program offering does not change the procedure for ordering lunch. Student lunches and extra milks for each day must still be ordered using the monthly order form.
7. If you were intending to apply for free/reduced lunch before this program opened to all, especially if you thought you might qualify by income for free/reduced lunch, you should still fill out the application if you haven't already. Once this program ends, your child will go back to their previous lunch status (free, reduced, full-pay).
8. In addition, starting on September 21st, every student will be offered breakfast to take home before school ends to eat at home the next day.

October Lunch Ordering

Lunch ordering for the month of October is now open until Monday, September 28 at noon.

[October Lunch Menu](#)

[Order Lunch Order Form](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Shelly Coughlin via email at scoughlin@stasb.org.

Sincerely,

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Principal