



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD SCHOOL
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New Guidelines! Free Hot Lunches for All Students Began Today! Now Available through December 31st or until the funds run out.

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 today. 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. **All** lunches are still **preorder**. All lunches have to be preordered and how you order does not change.
2. Free lunches for all students began today, September 23rd, and will run through December 31, 2020, or until the federal funding has run out.
3. The offering is retroactive to September 1st only. Any meals purchased from the first day of school (August 13th), through August 31, 2020, are not eligible for reimbursement.
4. Any meal ordered for September and October will be reimbursed as a credit. Any questions about credits, including the amount of credits, should be directed to kitchen@preciousblood.org.
5. 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, additional milks, or the cost of a student purchasing a 'milk only' for cold lunch.**
6. Students who wish to purchase an extra entree will need to preorder and pay \$1.00. Extra milk or milk for packed lunches needs to be preordered and will continue to be \$.50.
7. **The new program offering does not change the procedure for ordering lunch.** All lunches still need to be preordered by 8:30am Monday mornings. A lunch form will still come home and need to be filled out and returned.
8. Finally, 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 current lunch status (free, reduced, full-price).**

If you have any questions, you can contact the cafeteria via email- kitchen@preciousblood.org or you may call the school cafeteria at 260-424-4832 ext. 117 on school days 7am- 930am. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Stanley Liponoga IV

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