

2020-2021 Cafeteria Lunch Program

As The Waldorf School of Garden City prepares to safely open in September, one of the adjustments we are making to ensure the health of our students and employees is to the lunch program.

Rest assured; a healthy lunch will continue to be provided by our cafeteria staff to students who do not plan to bring their own lunch each day. However, school-provided lunches will be packed in biodegradable containers and delivered to classrooms for the students to eat there. We will not use the cafeteria space for lunch or snack until further notice.

A lunch card with a scan-able bar code will be created for every student. Each day, students who have opted-in to the lunch program will have their cards scanned and the lunch fee will be deducted from their accounts.

LUNCH PROGRAM:

In order for the cafeteria staff to plan for the number of lunches that need to be provided each day, each student wanting a daily lunch provided is required to **Opt-In** to the lunch program by filling out this form:

[DAILY LUNCH PROGRAM FORM](#)

Lunch Program Details:

- Each pre-set meal will cost \$5.50.
- This is a long-term commitment. No Opt-Ins by the day are allowed due to planning needs.
- Dessert, beverages, mid-morning snack, and utensils will NOT be provided. The soup cart, previously offered for grades 1-3, will be replaced by the lunch program. Please make sure your child is sent to school each day with personal eating utensils, a napkin, a beverage and/or a water bottle, and a snack.
- Please provide student **allergy** and other **serious dietary restriction** information in the space provided on the above online form. Food preference cannot be accommodated at this time.
- Those who Opt-In to the lunch program, must utilize <https://myschoolaccount.com/> to deposit funds for your child's lunch account. Cash will not be accepted. Please see the attached PDF with instructions on how to set-up a New Account or visit the Lunch Account page on our website [here](#).
- It is strongly recommended that a minimum of **\$100** be deposited in your School Lunch Account prior to the start of school and monthly thereafter to ensure funds are available for your child's lunch each day.
- School lunches are predetermined each day. [Click HERE](#) for the September lunch schedule. Going forward, you will find the menu on our website [here](#) or by clicking "Enrolled Families" and then "Lunch" from the sidebar.
- If you change your mind later, you may opt-out of the lunch program using the form above and the cafeteria will be notified. Please allow up to 3-days for this to take effect.
- **PLEASE NOTE: If your child is not opted-in to the Lunch Program in advance, we cannot guarantee that lunch can be provided.** If a child forgets their lunch, the school will make every effort to contact you so you can bring lunch to your child. If that is not possible, food will be provided, and your lunch account will be charged. In this case, please be aware that any food provided will be at the discretion of the cafeteria based on what is available that day.

We have implemented this system with the health and safety of the Waldorf Community in mind. According to the CDC, there is currently no evidence to suggest that handling food or consuming food is associated with COVID-19, nevertheless, before eating students will be directed to wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

If you have any questions about the program, please can contact Suellen Gentile at gentiles@waldorfgarden.org. For technical questions about your online lunch account, please reach out to Gerald Owens, at owensg@waldorfgarden.org.

Thank you in advance for adhering to these interim protocols as we look forward to an amazing school year!

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