

Dear Families of Students in Grades 1 - 12,

As The Waldorf School of Garden City prepares to safely open in September, we would like to provide details about how we will offer our school lunch program to continue to ensure the health of our students and employees.

We pride ourselves on serving a healthy lunch and this will continue to be provided by our cafeteria staff to students who do not plan to bring their own lunch each day. School-provided lunches will be packed in biodegradable containers and it is recommended that children are sent to school each day with personal eating utensils, a napkin, and a water bottle.

No Cash

All students who participate in the school lunch program must utilize the My School Lunch Account (MSA) service to deposit funds and monitor purchases. If you need to enroll, learn more [here](#).

Grades 1 – 3

Students in grades 1 – 3 will have three options:

- Bring lunch from home.
- Purchase Soup and Bread from the Soup Cart (teacher will keep records and your MSA will be charged).
- Opt-in to the Lunch Program one month at a time (like last year). Your MSA will be charged.
 - Pre-ordered food will be delivered to the classroom.
 - Vegetarian or non-vegetarian are the only options. No vegan or food preferences can be accommodated.
 - Each student in 1 – 3 wanting a daily lunch provided is required to **Opt-In** to the lunch program by filling out this form: [1 – 3 Daily Lunch Program](#).
 - Families must ensure that enough funds are available in their [My School Account](#) and replenish accordingly. Learn more [here](#).
 - Sign-up is for a minimum of one full month, there is no opting-in by the day.
 - Your enrollment will continue until you opt out. **To Opt-out**, contact Suellen Gentile at gentiles@waldorfgarden.org.

Grades 4 – 8

- **No Need to Opt-In for School Lunch.**
- For students who wish to eat in the cafeteria an entrée, a la carte items, and beverages will be available for purchase. Eating will be quiet and socially distanced with proper ventilation and sanitization. The Class teacher will hold student Lunch Cards which will be scanned and your MSA will be charged. Students who would like to eat outdoors, lunch should be brought from home.
- Students will have recess either before or after they eat.

Grades 9 – 12

- **No Need to Opt-In for School Lunch**
- Students in grades 9 – 12 will go to the cafeteria for **snack** and **lunch** if they are purchasing one. No Cash will be accepted.
- Students will be given Lunch Cards which they are responsible for. Cards must be brought to the cafeteria to be scanned. Your MSA will be charged.

- Students will eat in the cafeteria, outdoors, or in other designated areas.

Lunch Cards

A lunch card with a scannable bar code will be created for students in grades 1 - 12. Lunch cards for students in grades 1 – 8 will be held by the teacher. High School Students will be given a card at the start of the school year. They are responsible for bringing it to the cafeteria if they choose to purchase lunch.

School Lunch Program Details:

- Each meal will cost \$5.50.
- Snacks, Dessert, and Drinks will be available.
- For 1 - 3 students opting in for a school-provided lunch, remember to fill in any **allergy** and **serious dietary restrictions** in the space provided on the online form. Food preference, including vegan options, cannot be accommodated at this time. Please refer to the lunch menu [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.
- The School Lunch Menu can be found on our website [here](#) or by clicking "Enrolled Families" and then "Lunch" from the sidebar.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** If your child is not opted-in to the Lunch Program 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 by the cafeteria 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 food is available that day.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be in the cafeteria and the cafeteria will be regularly cleaned.
- Read more about the lunch program [here](#).

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.

If you have any questions about the program, please can contact School Administrator, Nicole Littrean at littreann@waldorfgarden.org. For technical questions about your online lunch account, please reach out to Gary Carle, at carleg@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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