

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Food Service Team would like to welcome new students to Masconomet Regional School District Dining Services, and returning students back to the cafeteria for the 2021-2022 school year.

We are excited to announce that the National School Lunch Program will continue to offer one free lunch to every student, daily for the full 2021-2022 academic year. The lunch will consist of one entrée, two sides and a milk. A second lunch and limited snacks and drinks will be available to purchase at an additional cost. For the upcoming school year all cafeteria purchases will need to be charged to your "My School Bucks" lunch account, our staff will not be able to collect cash for purchases.

Our "My School Bucks" service provides our parents and guardians with a convenient, easy and secure online prepayment service for our school lunch program. You will be able to electronically deposit money into your student's meal account at any time. This service also provides you with the ability to view account balances, receive low balance alerts, set up automatic recurring payments and view a history of purchases made on the account. Please note that there is a \$2.75 convenience fee for each deposit transaction.

Please be aware that our online payment program is different than what the Tri-Town School Union provides for grades K-6. We are separate school districts and we cannot issue refunds or transfer from one district to the other. Also, a separate account will be needed for each Masconomet student. For this reason, you are receiving this message for each Masco student with the ID number required for registration. To register for this program, go to myschoolbucks.com and click on Register for a free account. There are easy to follow instructions on how to set up the account. We have also attached a brief reference document to walk you through the process. You will need a Student ID Number for each student. Student ID numbers now match the 6 digit Powerschool ID so there is only one number to remember for both portals, for your convenience. All Student PIN numbers have increased to 6-digit numbers as well, for improved security of your child's account. If the student already has an account established their balance will be shown below. These key pieces of information are:

Student Name: Sydney Chavous
Student ID: 129993
Student PIN: 100089
Balance: .25

Students should save their PIN and not share the information with anyone. They will be required to use their PIN to receive their daily free lunch (at no charge to your account) and to charge additional food items. Cafeteria staff will accept checks to add money to your "My School Bucks" account and should be made payable to: Masconomet Regional School District and please make sure that your child's name is on the check. There is no convenience fee when paying by check to add money to your account.

Please take note of the following details:

- * During lunch service the student will approach the cashier with their items and enter their PIN into a keypad. The student's account and photograph (for identification purposes) will appear on the cashier's computer screen. The cost of their lunch will be free and the cost of their additional purchases will be automatically deducted from their account balance without the need for the exchange of cash.

- * When an account reaches a low balance, the student will be notified by the cashier, so that a deposit can be made within the next several days, thus avoiding a zero balance. It is important to check with your student periodically about their balance. If a student does have a zero balance he or she will not be able to charge additional items on their account.

- * Parents may limit the amount of money spent on ala carte items. This may be done when filling out the initial Dining Services Form or by sending an email to the Food Service Director.

- * At the end of the school year, the debit balance will automatically be transferred to your child's account for the next year. The balance may be refunded or transferred to a sibling at the request of the parent/guardian.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding food allergies, please contact Carrie Murphy, Food Service Director at 978-887-2323 Ext. 71002 or cmurphy@masconomet.org. Gluten Free items are available upon request; please contact the Food Service Director for more information.

Free and Reduced Lunch Applications are available on the Masconomet.org website and in the main office of the Middle School and High School. **Please be aware that a new application needs to be filled out for each school year.** Even though lunch is free for the up-coming school year, we are encouraging families to apply for Free and Reduced Lunch, as additional benefits maybe available to your family if you qualify. If you have any questions on the application process please contact Laurie Zywiak at 978-887-2323 ext. 61020 or lzywiak@masconomet.org.

Please feel free to contact the Food Service Department with questions or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

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