

St. Luke Catholic School

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Dear St. Luke Families,

Happy Summer Vacation!!! I hope all of you are having a fun, safe and relaxing summer. Our house is a little empty this year as Mary Emily has moved into her own apartment!! She will be back to teaching Kindergarten at St. Maria Goretti in the fall. Meredith and Zach will be in Indiana for a very quick visit for a family wedding and Mollie will be going to the Best Buddies Leadership Conference in July. I still need a schedule to keep track of them!

Thank you to all of the cafeteria volunteers who help serve our children each day at lunch. Your assistance and dedication each day are vital to the smooth operation of the cafeteria. Sarah Robinson needs special recognition for her expertise in scheduling all of the volunteers each month. If you would still like to volunteer to help us, give Sarah a call at 257-0500 or email her at sarobin@iupui.edu.

As you are very aware, the cost of groceries continues to go up! It is no different in the school lunch program. In order to maintain a balanced budget, **the cost of lunch will increase this year to \$2.50.** This amount includes a choice of entrée, vegetable, fruit and milk. The cost of milk will remain the same as last year; milk=\$.60, but **the extra portion will be increased to \$1.00.** The St. Luke School cafeteria offers a hot lunch to the students almost every day. Again this year, we will be offering a sack lunch on the first two (2) days of school. The cost for the Sack Lunch is the same as a Hot Lunch, \$2.50. The Cafeteria Staff hopes this option will ease your morning routine on the first days of school. The Hot Lunch options will begin on Wednesday, August 19th. In addition to the items offered on the menu, we also have a salad bar, peanut butter and jelly or peanut butter sandwiches daily. **No menus will be sent home this year. They will be available on the TeacherEase, the web-based school management site.**

We use TeacherEase for managing the cafeteria accounts. This allows students and families to deposit money into the student's account and it is then withdrawn when a purchase is made in the cafeteria. If you would like to fund your student's account for the entire year, that amount would be \$450.00. This will not include an extra portion of an entrée or an extra milk. The average monthly lunch charge is \$50.00. Payments can be sent to the cafeteria with a note for whom the payment is for. Unfortunately, we are not able to maintain Family Accounts. A single check can be sent for all of your children if you would include a note as to how you want it divided. **Each child will have their own lunch account.** Their account will be charged each time that they purchase a lunch, milk and/or extra entree. You will received an email notice or a note will be sent home on Wednesdays when your child(ren)'s account goes below \$5.00 (2 days lunches). No money will be accepted in the cafeteria line. If you send cash, please have the money in an envelope with your student's name. If you had any money left in any of your children's accounts at the end of last year, that money is still in their account for use this school year. If you had an 8th grader, we can transfer their funds to a younger sibling. Please let me know your preference.

All information concerning the Federal School Lunch Program will be available on the St. Luke website. If you do not have internet access, please call me for a copy of the forms. **The financial guidelines for Free and Reduced priced lunches are on the back of this letter.** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the phone number or e-mail address noted above. Thank you for all you do for everyone at St. Luke School.

God Bless,
Mary Anne Noble
Cafeteria Manager/Food Service Director