

Welcome to Allendale Christian's Hot Lunch Program!! I cannot believe that the school year is going to start next week!!! I have been busy getting ready for the new school year with trainings and preparing what I need for the hot lunch program. Here is the information about Hot Lunch this year. Feel free to e-mail me if you have any questions: hotlunch@allendalechristian.com

Meal Accounts

If your child is enrolled in a full day class, your child automatically has a hot lunch account. There is no need to sign up. If your child is not enrolled in a full day class and/or you would like an account, please contact me at hotlunch@allendalechristian.com and I will get an account set up for you and/or your child.

Ordering

We offer 2 choices for lunch each day. Choice 1 is a hot choice and Choice 2 is a sack grab and go bag. Each morning, your child's teacher will ask who is getting hot lunch and if they are getting choice 1 or choice 2. If your child is going to be late to school that day and would like to order hot lunch, please contact the teacher to let them know what lunch choice they would like.

Meal Cards:

Your child will receive a meal card at the beginning of the school year. This is what they will need to bring down to the hot lunch line whenever they get hot lunch. It will be the teachers' discretion if they will keep the cards for safe keeping and give it to the students the day they need it or to give it to your child to be responsible to keep. Your child will receive 1 free replacement if the card is lost or damaged during the school year, any additional replacements will cost \$5.00 to replace.

Free and Reduced Lunches

Free and Reduced lunches are available to qualified families. To apply, please visit lunchapp.com and select **Allendale Christian School**. If you need a paper application, please contact me at hotlunch@allendalechristian.com. All applications are confidential.

I encourage everyone to apply as our school program can get extra grants and pricing based on how many students qualify for free/reduced lunches.

What makes a Choice 1 meal?

Each time your child orders choice 1, your child will be offered milk, fruit, veggies, grains and meat/meat alternatives. Your child does not have to take everything, but to count for the meal price, they must take at least 3 of the choices offered with one of them being a fruit or veggie. If your child does not meet those requirements, they will be charged al-la-cart price. Also, if your child takes more than what is offered in the meal, we need to charge the al la cart prices for the extra items. At the spot in the line where there is no staff member serving them, there will be signs to indicate what the maximum they can take of that type of foods before they start getting charged for extra. I know this can be confusing, so here are some examples

Example 1

Your child puts on their tray: Mini pancakes, hash brown and a milk- They would be charged a meal price because they got a grain, veggie and milk.

Example 2

Your child puts on their tray: Hot dog on bun and milk- They would be charged for an entrée and a milk since there is no fruit or veggie

Example 3

Your child put on their tray: Slice of pizza, fruit, green beans and 2 milks. They would be charged a meal price plus 1 milk as only 1 milk is included in a meal.

If you have any questions about how to build a meal, please feel free to contact me or talk to any one of the hot lunch staff members.

If your child orders choice 2, the bag is already assembled to be charged the meal price and they can choose to grab a milk or not.

Prices and Payment

Prices for the 2019/2020 school year are as follows (subject to change)

Choice 1 and Choice 2- Elementary: \$2.50

Choice 1 and Choice 2- Middle School: \$2.70

Staff/Adult Meals- \$3.70

Extra Entrée- \$1.00

Extra Jet's Pizza Entrée- \$1.50

Al La Cart-

If you and/or your child gets extra food beyond what is included in a meal or does not meet the requirements for a meal, we need to charge for each item received. Due to some state changes each type of component needs to be identified.

Main Entrée- \$2.00

Milk- \$0.50

Fruit/Veggies- \$0.70

Meat/Meat Alternative- \$0.85

Grain- \$0.75

Slushie- \$0.70

The meal cards that each student receives is hot lunch's form of a debit card. To add money to your child's account you can bring cash/checks to school, use our online system with sendmoneytoschool.com or mail it to me at:

Rebecca Bruggink
Attn: Food Service
7062 Blair St.
Hudsonville MI 49426

Please make checks payable to Allendale Christian School. If sending in cash and/or checks, please include a deposit slip to assure proper credit to your child's account. If you have multiple children at the school, please note that they do not share accounts due to state requirements, so each child's account needs to be funded.

Volunteering

To help keep expenses and prices down to a minimum, we ask for volunteers to help out with hot lunch. A sign up through [signupgenius](http://signupgenius.com) will be e-mailed each month with available times to help out. These duties can range from helping prepare, serve and clean up during the lunch period. Due to health code, volunteers in the kitchen must be at least 18 years of age.

Online Accounts

An account to make deposits or view account history online can be set up at SendMoneyToSchool.com. Each child will need their own account. A nominal fee may apply for deposits made into the account, viewing history is free. A \$10 fee will be assessed for all NSF and invalid bank account numbers.

**** If your child(ren) attended ACS or JCS last year, your child(ren)'s ID are the same. If your child(ren) are new to ACS or JCS a student hot lunch ID will be sent home with your child the first week of school.

Food Allergies and other dietary requirements

The hot lunch program is peanut and nut free already. If you have food allergies or other dietary requirements (for example, Celiac, Diabetes) that are beyond that, please contact me at hotlunch@allendalechristian.com to set up a time to meet and we will go over your child's dietary requirements and find available items that will be safe for your child.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Thank-you

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