

# Dining Services Information 2011-12



GTACS has **two options** for funding your child’s lunches each week. Both options offer the advantage of eliminating the handling of cash in the dining room and expedite lunch lines so we can focus on the students and their daily interaction with healthy foods as a pathway to life-long wellness.

GTACS will be using a Point of Sale (POS) software debit system called Meal Magic for our student meal payment management. This system will allow us to automatically deduct your child’s meal price from an account that you fund in one of the following ways:

## **OPTION 1: PAY BY CHECK**

Write a check to **GTACS** for your child’s meals. Families may fund their children’s accounts in increments of 20 meals or more, per child, at a time. We are happy to accept payment for the entire school year at once and if, for any reason, there is a balance left at the end of the year, GTACS will refund the balance or the amount can be rolled into the following calendar year. If a 20-meal increment is prohibitive for you, we will accept lower meal total funding as needed.

**Milk:** For families that routinely switch between hot lunch service and brown bagging, your child’s milk can be purchased for 40 cents by using this POS debit system. This is the preferred method of payment to eliminate the quarters and dimes needed each week to pay for milk. GTACS requests that you maintain a balance of at least \$10, if possible, in your child’s account for that purpose.

To help us expedite input of your funds, we ask that you either mail or drop off your checks to the St. Francis school office; Attention: Dining Services, 123 E. 11<sup>th</sup> St., Traverse City, MI 49684 or leave your payments for Dining Services with the front desk at your child’s school site.

**Note: If you have more than one child, please indicate how to break down the check total for each child. You no longer need to write a separate check for each child at a different school. One check can fund all of your children as long as we know how to break down the full amount for each child. If no information is provided, we will divide the check amount evenly between all children attending GTACS.**

## **OPTION 2: ONLINE DEPOSIT**

You may also fund your child’s account electronically by visiting [www.sendmoneytoschool.com](http://www.sendmoneytoschool.com). Users must pay a flat fee of \$3.00 for each transaction but you may find the convenience is worth the fee. What’s more, this system allows you **to view your child’s lunch account balance**. (In Option 1 above, there is no way to view your account online.) To learn more about the service, please visit [www.sendmoneytoschool.com](http://www.sendmoneytoschool.com) and click on the FAQ link. Your check is simply deposited into an account and we keep a running total of the deductions each time your child receives a lunch. When you have questions about your account balance or would like your child’s ID# to enroll in online deposits contact Karen Spencer, Dining Services Assistant, at 995-8454.

We encourage you to begin funding your child’s account at any time. .

## **2011/2012 LUNCH RATES (in 20 meal increments)**

<b>ELEMENTARY (IC)*</b>	<b>\$3 each</b>	<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL/ HIGH SCHOOL</b>	<b>\$3.50</b>
20	\$60	20	\$70
40	\$120	40	\$140
60	\$180	60	\$210
80	\$240	80	\$280
100	\$300	100	\$350
120	\$360	120	\$420
140	\$420	140	\$490
160	\$480	160	\$560

\*Holy Angels lunches are included in tuition.

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## MEAL PRICES

### Elementary School Prices

K-2 <sup>nd</sup>	Universal Meal .....	included in tuition
3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	Student lunch .....	\$3.00
	Extra entrée .....	1.75
	Milk .....	0.40

### Middle and High School Prices

6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	Student lunch .....	\$3.50
	Extra entrée .....	1.75
	Half peanut butter & jelly .....	0.30
	Milk .....	0.40
	Vitamin Water or Dasani .....	1.50
	Snacks:	
	Benefit Bar .....	1.00
	Chex Mix .....	0.75
	Fig Newton's .....	0.60
	Fruit .....	0.50

### Middle and High School Prices\*

9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	Student lunch .....	\$3.50
	Extra entrée .....	1.75
	Half peanut butter & jelly .....	0.30
	Milk or juice .....	0.40
	Grab-N-Go:	
	Entrée w/fruit and drink .....	4.00
	Entrée w/soup, salad, fruit & drink .....	5.00
	Soup only .....	1.50
	Vitamin Water, Dasani or Gatorade .....	1.50

### Student breakfast

**(offered every day at high school only, 7:15-7:45am)**

9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	Egg option .....	\$3.00
	Smoothies .....	2.00
	Yogurt parfait .....	3.00
	Cinnamon roll .....	1.50
	Breakfast potatoes .....	1.50
	Bagel w/cream cheese .....	1.00
	Coffee .....	1.00
	Milk/orange juice .....	0.40

### Other prices

Adult lunch .....	\$4.50
Guest lunch, child (11 years and up) .....	3.50
Guest lunch, child (10 and under) .....	3.00

\*Note: 6<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade students can purchase items *a la carte*. For example, a qualified lunch could be a full peanut butter & jelly sandwich with a glass of milk = \$1.00 or add a soup = \$2.50

#### **Apply for free or reduced pricing for lunches online**

The current economic climate in the State of Michigan and across the country has raised uncertainties for families. Job losses, buy-outs, and rising costs of living are all having a greater impact on families. Families who were previously managing sufficiently may now be finding it more challenging financially to make ends meet. If you find yourself in this situation, your student(s) may be eligible to receive reduced or free meals at school.

Applications are available at all school offices, and on the GTACS web site. To apply online, visit [www.lunchapp.com](http://www.lunchapp.com) and follow the instructions for Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools.

If you submit the application online, you do not have to fill out and submit a paper application. Whether you apply online or by paper application, once the application is processed a letter will be mailed to your home within (10) business days. If you have any questions regarding the free and reduced meal application process, please contact GTACS Dining Services at (231) 995-8454.