



## NAZARETH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Food Service

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*Dear Parents and Students,*

*We hope you had an enjoyable summer and we look forward to the beginning of School Year 2022-23. I hope this correspondence finds you and your family doing well. We are excitedly looking forward to returning to hopefully, a normal school year. Here is some important information pertaining to the Food Service Department that I would like to share with you.*

*First off, the Nazareth Area School District Food Service Department will be remaining cashless this school year. This move was decided upon to reduce the risk of touching money as well as expediting the students through the lunch lines at a faster speed. You will have three options to have money placed on your students' lunch account: Mail a check to the Food Service Office, 357 Tatamy Road, Nazareth, PA. 18064, send a check into school with your student, {all checks may be made out to the NASD Food Service Department} or you may also utilize the SchoolCafe online payment option. The online payment option is **SchoolCafe**'. All information pertaining to this option is posted on the food service web-site.*

***Please note there is a \$1.95 convenience fee associated with this option.***

*As you are aware, all students received a free lunch last year. Unfortunately, this program has not been extended in Pennsylvania. If your family submitted a free/reduced lunch form last year, you will be eligible to receive the same meal status for thirty serving days after the beginning of the new school year. The ending date for this would be October 12, 2022. If you **did not** submit an application last year you will be a paid status until you submit a new application. A new application must be submitted yearly, before this date or your child will automatically go to a full paid status. If this should occur, you are responsible for any debt incurred until your form is submitted and approved. All applications are required to be submitted on line. **Applications can be submitted at the following web-site: [www.paschoolmeals.com](http://www.paschoolmeals.com).** You can access this web-site via the Nazareth Area School District web-site: [www.nazarethasd.org](http://www.nazarethasd.org).*

*The Food Service web page has been updated to now include a Blue Eagle Food, Fun and Fitness newsletter, as well as updated allergy and carbohydrate information for you to have access to. All information pertaining to our program can also be found on our web page.*

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*If your student has an allergy or nutritional need that will need special attention, please contact us and we will make every effort to accommodate a meal for your student. A physician's note is required for this to be noted on the students account.*

*"School cafeterias across the country are battling soaring inflation, staffing shortages and supply chain disruptions, forcing many of the nation's school districts to raise their prices or serve more limited menus as students head back to classrooms this fall." (Popli, 2022). Unfortunately, our school district is facing the same challenges many grocery stores and other places are having with getting all the food and supplies they need.*

*Our Food Service professionals are doing everything they can to serve healthy meals to your child. Sometimes that means needing to swap out some foods for others because some foods are easier to get. Please be patient with us as we strive to serve students the nutritious, delicious meals they need to learn and grow. We are committed to making sure students get the healthy meals they depend on during this challenging time.*

*Due to the unprecedented rise in food costs, the lunch prices for the 2022-2023 school year are as follows: Elementary/Intermediate students-\$3.00, Middle School- \$3.25 and High School \$3.25.*

*Our wish is that you have a wonderful school year and enjoy the lunches we offer. If you have any questions or concerns, my door is always open and I can be reached at 610-759-3632 or by e-mail at [dgarr@nazarethasd.org](mailto:dgarr@nazarethasd.org)*

*Thank you.*

*Donna M Garr*

*Director of Food Service -NASD*

*Popli, N. (2022, August 15). School meal prices are rising – and that could leave kids hungry. Time Magazine. <https://time.com/6205868/school-meal-prices-rising-inflation/>*

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