



Welcome Back! Nantucket Public Schools and Chartwells Introduces Plans for Serving Up Happy and Healthy at Mealtime For the new school year of 2022-2023

As students at Nantucket Public Schools head back to school for the 2022-2023 school year, one thing that won't change is Chartwells K12's commitment to continue creating the best dining experience for students and keeping mealtime a safe, happy, and healthy experience for all. In addition to serving foods kids love to eat and offering great-tasting menus developed by Chartwells chefs and dietitians, health and safety remains the top priority for the kitchen staff at Nantucket Public Schools.

Chartwells has been working collaboratively with the district to determine what plans will fit best for each school regarding a safe environment to serve meals. All students will eat in their school cafeteria or outside. Each school meal service will be announcing the updates with details in their weekly newsletter.

Children need healthy meals to learn. Nantucket Public Schools and Food Services will be providing free meals to all students under the USDA's Child Nutrition Programs (NSLP National School Lunch Program). All children enrolled in the district are eligible for those free meals regardless of eligibility through June 30 ,2023. Even though meals are free, it's recommended that school districts still collect meal applications and notify households of the results.

Please send all applications to Sarah Kirk at the NES Front Office or place them in the lock box.

For a free breakfast: each student may select 3 out of 5 offerings For a free lunch: each student may select 4 out of 5 offerings Otherwise, the student meal account will be charged a-la-carte prices for each item taken.

The breakfast and lunch program will be offering free meals to all Nantucket Public School students. Scheduled days off or holidays/weekends will not be included in the service.

HELPFUL INFORMATION:

PAYMENTS: To avoid your student and kitchen personnel having unnecessary contact, the best method is to prepay for student meals in advance using the online payment service at **myschoolbucks.com**. If paying by cash or check, payments may be dropped in the collection box located in the front of each school. The payment envelope should be sealed and should be labeled with student name, grade and teacher. The check should include student name(s) and 4-digit Lunch Pin #s.

Your child(s) Meal Pin #s will be sent home in a letter or ID Cards at the beginning of the opening of the new school year. All payments will be picked up daily and posted by the next school day. A receipt for cash payments will be sent home with your child once payment is processed.

Full Paid Meal prices for NES / NIS Breakfast at \$2.50 Lunch at \$3.00 Full Paid Meal prices for CPS/ NHS Breakfast at \$3.00 Lunch at \$3.50 Reduced Price Breakfast \$.30 for all schools. Reduced Price Lunch \$.40 for all

MENUS: Menus will be posted online at <u>www.npsk.org</u> under Food Service. Click on the picture of the apple to review.

Please review important information below.

MEAL SERVICE NOTES:

- Please review your school weekly newsletter under Meal Service. All meals will be served through the serving line.
- We will start the school year with our menu choices per day for each meal for all schools and grades.
- Please visit: www.npsk.org on the home page for the food policy for charging and purchasing meals: click on School Committee, click on policies & look for Section E support Service, EFC & EFD For the CPS / NHS only: a –la- carte menu will be offered daily.

For all Free / Reduced Students currently on the Lunch Program must pay cash or have money on their meal account.

BREAKFAST SERVICE:

CPS & NHS Pre-packaged Breakfast meals will be picked up by the students in the cafeteria, they will provide their Pin# or name to the cashier, and they will then dine in their classroom or cafeteria. All CPS/NHS students will be served and will need to eat in their cafeteria.

LUNCH SERVICE:

For Menus & offerings please visit at <u>www.npsk.org</u> under Food Service, click on the picture of the apple.

Innovative Food and Nutrition Education Programs

Food is a big part of everyone's well-being, and students need a place to eat where they can connect with others, recharge, and enjoy a sense of happiness in their school. Chartwells' team of chefs and dietitians have created menus featuring kid approved foods in on-trend recipes that encourage food discovery. Chartwells at Nantucket Public Schools strives to inspire healthy eating habits and spark a culinary curiosity to last a lifetime through fun and engaging programs, which they will continue to adapt to the current environment. We are looking forward to re-introducing some of our great programs like Farm to School, Student Choice, Mood Boost and Discovery Kitchen later this school year!

About Chartwells K12

Chartwells K12's goal is to make sure students leave the cafeteria happier and healthier than they came in, by serving food kids love to eat and creating custom dining programs. With more than 16,000 associates in 4,100 schools, ranging from large public institutions to small charter and private schools, Chartwells K12 is built on decades of food, education and operational experience driven by top culinary, nutrition, wellness, and sustainability talent. For more information, visit <u>www.ChartwellsK12.com</u>.

We look forward to seeing our students very soon, making them smile, and to be an important part of their day!

Please contact me with any questions. Best Regards, Linda A. Peterson 10 Surfside Road Nantucket, Ma. 02554 Food Service Director Office: 508-228-7280 x 1236 Email: petersonl@npsk.org