



Welcome Back !!!
Nantucket Public Schools and Chartwells Introduces Plans for
Serving Up Happy and Healthy at Mealtime
For the new school year of 2021-2022!

As students in the Nantucket Public Schools Head Back to School for the 2021-2022 school year, one thing that will not 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. For Nantucket Public Schools students will be returning to 5 day in-school classes. We will no longer offer Remote Meals for this school year 2021-2022. All students will eat in the classrooms, Café, 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 is providing Free meals to all students under the USDA's Child Nutrition Programs (Seamless Summer Option). The Breakfast & Lunch Program will be offering the Free Meals to all Nantucket Public School students. Please note, scheduled days off or holidays/weekends will not be included in the service. Children enrolled in the district are eligible for those Free meals regardless of edibility through June 30, 2022. 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 Erichsen at NES Front Office or place in the Lock box.

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. **Please see attached flyer from My School Bucks that can provide you unlimited deposits to your student(s)' account for one low annual fee!** If paying by cash or check, payments may be dropped in the collection box located in the front of each school. All payments will be pick 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. The payment envelope should be sealed and should be labeled with student name, grade and teacher. Payment by check should include student name(s) and 4-digit Lunch Pin#. Your child(s) Meal Pin #s will be emailed home in a letter by email, before the opening of the school year.

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; Reduced Price Lunch \$.40 for all

Please review important information below:

MENUS: Menus will be posted online at www.npsk.org under Food Service. Click on the Apple Logo to review.

MEAL SERVICE NOTES:

- Please review your school weekly newsletter under Meal Service. All Meals will be picked -up or delivered and eaten in the classroom to maintain required social distancing guidelines while eating.
- We will start the school year with one menu choice per day for each meal, for all schools and grades.
- Please visit: npsk.org on the Home page for the Food Policy for charging & purchasing meals: click on School Committee, Click on policies & look for Section E support Service, EFC & EFDA

BREAKFAST SERVICE:

- Meals will be delivered to the classroom by pre-ordered.
 - *In the past we have offered The Breakfast Buddies Program for both NES and NIS students, at NES. This was available to all students and was paid for by a local non-profit. Due to the social distancing of six feet we cannot offer this program for this coming year due to number of participants. Hopefully, we can review this option at some point in the future.*
- **CPS & NHS** Pre-packaged Breakfast meals will be picked up by the students in the Café, they will provide their Pin# t or name to the cashier, and they will then dine in their classroom.
- All CPS/NHS Students will be served and dine with social distancing and safety protocols in place.

LUNCH SERVICE:

- **Lunch meals** will ALL be delivered to classrooms in all schools in insulated, sanitized carriers. All meals will be pre-packaged. Adequate social distancing will be followed so that students can remove masks to consume food and enjoy their meal.

While the logistics and location for how meals will be served is slightly different than the previous year, students, staff and parents can have peace of mind knowing that our plans are rooted in the most stringent health and safety practices aligned with federal and state regulations, along with local health department recommendations. We have worked with Nantucket Public Schools, Dr. Elizabeth Hallett and our Food Committee Team over the last several weeks to align our meal service with back to school plans to keep mealtime as a fun and recharging time for students.

All Chartwells K12 foodservice associates will also participate in COVID-19 specific training, undergo health screenings before each workday and follow strict guidelines for glove, mask and physical distancing protocols. Enhanced cleaning and sanitation measures help assure the safest environments possible.

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 www.ChartwellsK12.com.

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

Please contact me with any questions.

Best Regards,

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