

Whitehall Central School District 2020-2021 Meal Service Plan

9/8/20

Dear Families of Whitehall Central School District,

We want to share our plan for Meals in the Classroom (MIC) at Whitehall Central Schools. Our goal is to ensure that all students receive nutritious meals in a manner maximizing their safety. In order to achieve our goal we have made the following plans in conjunction with our district administration and local health authorities effective 9/08/2020.

Menus: While we are operating under the Maroon/White plan for the Elementary School and the full time remote plan for the Jr. Sr. High School menu options will be limited. Hot meals will be served, and we will provide at least 2 main course options. All meals will meet or exceed the USDA requirements set for school meals.

Location and Schedule of Meals:

In Person Students - School meals will be served in the classroom to facilitate social distancing. There will be no congregate dining or usage of self-serve stations.

Maroon & White Students - Parents should contact their building principal to opt into the remote learning meals. Meals will be prepared and packaged for pickup at the Jr. Sr. High School Bus Loop. Pickup times will be as follows:

Monday Tuesday in person students - Parental pickup for every other Wednesday, Thursday and Friday on Wednesday mornings between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m.

Thursday Friday in person students - Parents pickup for every other Monday, Tuesday and every other Wednesday on Monday mornings between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m

Full Time Remote Learning students - Parents pickup for on Monday and Wednesday mornings between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m

Cost of Meals: Under normal operations for SY 2020-2021, the price of meals in WSCD would be as follows: Breakfast costs [\$1.25]; lunch costs [\$1.75 / \$ 2.00] There has been an extension of the Seamless Summer Option to December 31st, 2020, meaning that meals will be free of charge to any child in the district. This program is contingent upon funding provided by the Federal government and will continue as long as funds are available. **Time to Eat:** In order for students to be well-nourished and ready to learn, they must have enough time to enjoy MIC. The minimum amount of time for MIC once students receive their meal is: Breakfast 15 minus; Lunch one class period

Outside Food: Many of our students have medical conditions that involve food allergies, intolerances, diabetes, sensitivities, etc. It is the policy of the WCSD that homemade or home baked foods are not to be brought into the schools to share with other students. Food brought in for these types of activities must be commercially prepared, packaged and labeled-listing all ingredients and nutritional information and/or prepared in an approved and licensed kitchen.

Thank you for supporting our School Nutrition Program – we are dedicated to serving your students the safest, tastiest and most nutritious meals possible. This school year is a new situation for all of us. Changes to our meal service may happen with little warning, but we will do our best to keep families informed about changes in a timely manner.

To opt-in to “to-go” meals or if you have questions or need more information contact FSD Jon Ott, at 518-499-1770 ext 2013 or jott@railroaders.net.