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Food Services Office

Hello Sachem Families. Welcome back to school!

We have been informed by the New York State Department of Education Child Nutrition Program Administration Office that the temporary Covid pandemic related federal free meal program for all students will no longer be available for the 2022/2023 school year. **Starting this September there will be a charge for all meals. Breakfast is \$1.50 for all students. Lunch is \$2.45 for elementary students and \$2.75 for secondary students.**

Sachem will be reverting back to the pre-pandemic process of determining eligibility for free and reduced-price meals on an individual basis. Families must now complete a new 2022/23 Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application. Applications that were approved for free / reduced lunch for the prior 2021/22 school year will expire mid October 2022. To ensure that all families who may qualify for assistance receive the meal benefits, we are encouraging all families to file an application for the 2022/2023 school year. The application for Assistance for Free and Reduced Price Meals is available on the district's website at https://sachem.edu/departments/food_services_free_reduced_lunch . Paper copies will be available in school and districts offices.

We encourage families to use our online payment system, Payschools Central. This online payment service provides a quick and easy way to add money to your student's meal account using a credit/debit card or electronic check. You can view recent purchases, check balances, and set-up low balance alerts. You can read more about Payschools Central here - https://sachem.edu/departments/food_parents You can access the Payschools Central website at www.payschoolscentral.com .

Give the Foodservice Department a call if you have questions or need assistance at 631-471-1353. We are looking forward to a great school year!