

Dining Services Information 2015-16



GTACS has **two options** for funding your child’s lunches each week. Both options offer the advantage of eliminating the handling of cash in the dining room and expedite lunch lines so we can focus on the students and their daily interaction with healthy foods as a pathway to life-long wellness.

GTACS will be using a Point of Sale (POS) software debit system called Meal Magic for our student meal payment management. This system will allow us to automatically deduct your child’s meal price from an account that you fund in one of the following ways:

OPTION 1: PAY BY CHECK

Write a check to **GTACS** for your child’s meals. Families may fund their children’s accounts in increments of 20 meals or more, per child, at a time. We are happy to accept payment for the entire school year at once and if, for any reason, there is a balance left at the end of the year, GTACS will refund the balance or the amount can be rolled into the following calendar year. If a 20-meal increment is prohibitive for you, we will accept lower meal total funding as needed.

Milk: For families that routinely switch between hot lunch service and brown bagging, your child’s milk can be purchased for 50 cents by using this POS debit system. This is the preferred method of payment to eliminate the quarters and dimes needed each week to pay for milk. **NEW**-watch for chocolate milk on some days.

To help us expedite input of your funds, we ask that you either mail or drop off your checks to the St. Francis school office; Attention: Dining Services, 123 E. 11th St., Traverse City, MI 49684 or leave your payments for Dining Services with the front desk at your child’s school site.

Note: If you have more than one child, please indicate how to break down the check total for each child. You no longer need to write a separate check for each child at a different school. One check can fund all of your children as long as we know how to break down the full amount for each child. If no information is provided, we will divide the check amount evenly between all children attending GTACS.

OPTION 2: ONLINE DEPOSIT

You may also fund your child’s account electronically by visiting www.sendmoneytoschool.com. Users must pay a flat fee of \$3.00 for each transaction but you may find the convenience is worth the fee. What’s more, this system allows you **to view your child’s lunch account balance**. (In Option 1 above, there is no way to view your account online.) To learn more about the service, please visit www.sendmoneytoschool.com and click on the FAQ link. Your check is simply deposited into an account and we keep a running total of the deductions each time your child receives a lunch. When you have questions about your account balance or would like your child’s ID# to enroll in online deposits contact Karen Spencer, Dining Services Assistant, at 995-8454.

We encourage you to begin funding your child’s account at any time. .

2015/2016 LUNCH RATES (in 20 meal increments)

ELEMENTARY (IC)*	\$3.35 each	MIDDLE SCHOOL/ HIGH SCHOOL	\$3.85
20	\$67	20	\$77
40	\$134	40	\$154
60	\$201	60	\$231
80	\$268	80	\$308
100	\$335	100	\$385
120	\$402	120	\$462
140	\$469	140	\$539
160	\$536	160	\$616

*Holy Angels lunches are included in tuition.

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MEAL PRICES

Preschool Prices

Please inform your child’s teacher what your intentions are for your child’s lunch at your preschool conference (using the chart below determined by your child’s program schedule). Lunch will be billed with your monthly tuition. If choosing on an occasional basis, you will be billed \$3.35/per meal.

Universal Lunch (for all-day students)	M/T/W/Th/F	\$50/mo
	M/T/W/Th	\$40/mo
	M/W/F	\$30/mo
	T/Th	\$20/mo

Elementary School Prices

K-2 nd	Universal Meal	included in tuition
3 rd -5 th	Student lunch	\$3.35
	Extra entrée	1.25
	Milk (Skim, 1%)	0.50

Middle School Prices

6 th -8 th	Student lunch.....	\$3.85
	Extra entrée	2.25
	Half peanut butter & jelly	1.00
	Milk (Skim, 1%).....	0.50

High School Prices

9 th -12 th	Student lunch.....	\$3.85
	Extra entrée	2.25
	Half peanut butter & jelly	1.00
	Milk or juice	0.50

Grab-N-Go:

Entrée w/fruit & veggie bar	\$4.50
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SoBe Water, Aquafina, Brisk, Green tea	1.50
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Student breakfast

(offered every day at high school only, 7:15-9:30am)

9 th -12 th	Egg option	\$3.50
	Protein Shakes/Smoothies	2.00
	Fruited yogurt with granola	2.00
	Bagels/Muffins	1.75/2.50
	Breakfast potatoes.....	1.50
	Coffee/Hot Chocolate	1.50/1.00
	Milk/Orange juice.....	0.50

Other prices

Adult lunch.....	\$5.00
Guest lunch, child (11 years and up).....	3.85
Guest lunch, child (10 and under)	3.35

Apply for free or reduced pricing for lunches online

The current economic climate in the State of Michigan and across the country has raised uncertainties for families. Job losses, buy-outs, and rising costs of living are all having a greater impact on families. Families who were previously managing sufficiently may now be finding it more challenging financially to make ends meet. If you find yourself in this situation, your student(s) may be eligible to receive reduced or free meals at school.

Applications are available at all school offices, and on the GTACS web site. To apply online, visit www.lunchapp.com and follow the instructions for Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools.

If you submit the application online, you do not have to fill out and submit a paper application. Whether you apply online or by paper application, once the application is processed a letter will be mailed to your home within (10) business days. If you have any questions regarding the free and reduced meal application process, please contact GTACS Dining Services at (231) 995-8454.