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Dining Services Is Hiring

Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools (GTACS) Dining Services is seeking dependable and team-oriented individuals to support kitchen operations. Team members help ensure students and staff receive nutritious, appealing meals in a clean, safe, and welcoming environment. Current open positions include:

- a Kitchen Assistant/Server at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Middle School (4 to 5 days per week)
- a Kitchen Assistant/Server at Immaculate Conception Elementary School (Fridays only)
- substitutes at all three schools (St. Francis High School, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Middle School, and Immaculate Conception Elementary School)

More information about these roles can be found by visiting www.GTACS.org/employment.

Lunch Menus

Lunch menus for each school can be found on the [GTACS website](#) as well as in the GTACS newsletters. Most days students have three entrée choices: a hot entrée, deli sandwich, or sunflower butter and jelly sandwich. Along with the entrée, a baked or roasted vegetable, fresh fruit, whole grains, and milk will also be offered. Menus for September 2026 will be posted shortly. Please check the GTACS website for updates.

Funding Lunch Accounts

GTACS uses a Point of Sale (POS) software system called Meal Magic to manage student meal payments. The Meal Magic Family Portal is where parents can make deposits, transfer funds, check balances, view purchase histories, and perform other account-related activities.

Lunches for preschool students are billed as part of their monthly tuition statements, and lunches for pre-kindergarten through 5th grade students are included in tuition. Families of students in these grades do not need to fund a Meal Magic lunch account.

Students in 6th through 12th grade can pay for food items either with cash or a funded Meal Magic account. Meal Magic accounts can be funded by dropping off a check (made payable to GTACS) at any

kitchen or by electronically depositing money via the [Meal Magic Family Portal](#). Please note that Meal Magic users will be charged a processing fee, typically ranging from \$1.50-\$2.95, for each transaction.

When making the initial electronic deposit to your student's Meal Magic account, you will need to input their name and student ID number. Both the name and student ID number should match what is shown in the FACTS Family Portal. To find your student's name and ID number in the FACTS Family Portal, please follow these instructions:

- 1) Log in to the [FACTS Family Portal Login](#) page, using GTV-MI as the district code.
- 2) On the left-hand side of the screen, select Family.
- 3) In the middle of the screen, select your child's name from the drop-down menu.
- 4) Your child's ID Number will be listed after their name.

Free and Reduced-Price Lunches

To apply for free and reduced-price lunches, please submit an application either online via the [Meal Magic Family Portal](#) or by mailing a [paper application](#) to GTACS Dining Services, c/o Betsy Zimmer, 123 E. 11th St., Traverse City, MI 49684. Students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunches will be offered an entrée, sides, and a carton of white milk daily. Please note that if your student receives SNAP benefits, you do not need to fill out an application, as the State of Michigan notifies GTACS.

Dietary Restrictions

If your student has dietary restrictions, please complete one of the following forms and send it to Betsy Zimmer (bzimmer@gtacs.org or GTACS Dining Services, 123 E. 11th St., Traverse City, MI 49684). If you've previously submitted a form, you do not need to submit another one, unless the restrictions have changed.

- [Complete this form](#) if the restriction is a medical necessity. This form requires a medical professional's signature.
- [Complete this form](#) if the restriction is a preference.

Please direct all dining questions to Betsy Zimmer (bzimmer@gtacs.org, 231-995-8454).