



BRIGANTINE
COMMUNITY SCHOOL
Where Everyone is Someone

To: Brigantine Community School Parents and Staff

From: Jonathan Houdart, School Business Administrator

Date: November 12, 2020

Subject: 2020-2021 Meal Service Update

Now that over 75% of Brigantine Community School students are back in the building, the district would like to update parents and staff on several items related to meal service.

Free Breakfast and Lunch for All Students: Please be reminded that the New Jersey Department of Agriculture has approved a waiver so that now all students are eligible for free breakfast and lunch every day for the remainder of the school year. This applies to students that have returned to the building as well as remote students. Students that have returned can pick up their free breakfasts at the breakfast carts placed throughout the building in the morning and can pick up their free lunches at the cafeteria register during their lunch periods.

Snacks Served During Lunch Periods: Students that have returned to school have the option to buy snacks during lunch (chips, ice cream, etc.). However, the cafeteria will not accept cash at any time at this point – parents must put money into their children's' meal accounts through the School Payment Portal website. Although all students can receive free lunches every day, the cafeteria servers will only allow those students that have money in their meal accounts to buy snacks. For those that do not currently have School Payment Portal accounts, I have included instructions for how to set up an online account in this system.

Meal Pickup for Remote Students: Meal pickup for students that are still remote will continue to take place at the same location in the parking lot by the auditorium entrance each Wednesday morning from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. However, effective immediately, the district has discontinued the evening meal pickup that had been taking place on Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Therefore, if you would still like to receive meals for your remote students, please plan to pick up those meals during the Wednesday morning time.

Please contact me or Sue Lynch (Food Service Director) at 609-264-9498 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Houdart

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