

NORTH HUNTERDON HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Students,

This is to notify you that there will be changes in the Food Service Department procedures to better serve the students in the North Hunterdon-Voorhees High School District. Our school meal service will transition to an electronic meal ID system. These new procedures will start on March 4, 2009.

Students will continue to use their current student ID numbers, which they have been using all year long. This ID number will stay with the students until they graduate.

Check prepayments are encouraged; simply place the ID number(s) of your child/children on your check. These funds will be deposited into their meal accounts. The amount of the prepayment deposit is entirely up to you; it can cover meal costs for a day, a month, or even a year. The money in the meal account at the end of the school year will be carried over to the next school year.

At breakfast/lunch, students pick up their meals, punch in their ID numbers on the keypad, and the cost of the meal will be subtracted from their accounts. The students may make deposits any time during the day, but the best time is before homeroom or at breakfast.

The Food Service Department believes this change will offer parents the assurance that meal money will be used for breakfast and/or lunch. No one will feel any embarrassment when using the National School Lunch Program, as no one will be identified as such. This change speeds up the meal line because there is little money being exchanged. Also, students do not have to worry about losing or protecting their money.

We will appreciate your patience during the first few days of this new system as the students and staff members become familiar with it. This system will be an efficient and effective way for us to meet the needs of our district's children, now and in the future.

If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Sandy Banks at (908) 713-4173, she will be glad to address your concerns.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Hughes
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FEATURES OF THE COMPUTERIZED SYSTEM

Benefits for Parents and Students

- When the account is prepaid you can be sure that your student is only using that money for nutritious breakfasts/lunch served in our cafeteria.
- Lunch is defined as a choice of entrée, milk choice, and up to four side dishes available to all students.
- Prepaid accounts for all students allows parents to deposit money in their student's account, in any amount, at any time, without concerns about giving their student the exact change every morning.
- For those students receiving free or reduced meals, their meals will be rung up as all the other meals are. No one will know whether they are receiving a free or reduced meal or debiting their account, except for the cashier.
- Lunch lines move faster when meals are prepaid, thus providing students extra time to enjoy their lunch period.
- Parents can pay any amount at any time. Students can prepay on the line with cash or parents can send in checks (with the student ID# on it), and students can give this to the cashier right in the lunch line. You are only charged for the breakfast/lunches that are debited to your student's ID academic eligibility number. All student ID numbers are confidential.
- Pin pads are located at every terminal; they provide ease of use and allow for quick transactions.
- Prepayment allows for better security rather than cash.
- Once the transaction has been completed, your student will know his/her account balance.
- Students may use any register. When a lunch or breakfast is recorded at one register, it will automatically be recorded on the other registers.
- When student accounts get low, students will be informed at the register of their balance.

PREPAYMENT OPTIONS

- You can send in prepayment monies at any time. We recommend that parents send in checks rather than cash. All monies should be submitted only to cafeteria personnel.
- Regular lunches cost \$3.25. Breakfast costs \$2.00. Reduced breakfasts \$.30 and reduced lunches cost \$.40 each. Snacks are all priced a la carte.
- Checks are to be made payable to **North Hunterdon Cafeteria Account**.
- When sending a prepayment, please include the student's ID# on the face of the check. If you send in cash please indicate on the face of the envelope, the student's ID#.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the office of Cafeteria Services at 908-713-4173.