

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are thrilled to be serving your child for the 2023-2024 school year! To kick off the new year, we wanted to share a few things you and your child can look forward to when it comes to mealtime and get an inside look at the new recipes, concepts, and programs we'll be introducing this fall.

Our Menus have Food Kids Love to Eat!

Chartwells' team of chefs and dietitians are working to bring even more variety to our menus featuring new recipes with kid-approved foods. Through Nutrislice, an innovative app, students, parents and faculty have access to school menus, including nutrition information, allergens and photos. Nutrislice can be downloaded for free from the App store (iOS) or Google Play (Android) search "nutrislice" or menus are also available on the Nutrislice website:

<https://manitowocpublicschools.nutrislice.com/>

Meal Charges: Manitowoc Public School District is participating district-wide in the Community Eligibility Provision, for the current school year 2023-24. This program provides a free breakfast and lunch to all students. Household applications are not required to receive free meals, but applications may be distributed by the school to collect household income data for other programs that require this information.

• Breakfast

\$3.00 Adult

\$0.45 Ala Carte milk (all schools)

Lunch

\$4.95 Adult

Pre-payments for meals: Pre-payments are required for Ala Carte food or Milk charges. You can make payments in the Infinite Campus parent portal-

<https://wicloud2.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/parents/manitowoc.jsp?status=login>

You can also add funds to your student's account with a cash or check payment. Please write the check payable to MPSD. Place it in an envelope marked with your student's name and school ID#. Please deliver it to the lock box located outside their school office.

Food Allergies and Special Dietary Needs

We recognize the critical importance of our approach to supporting students and families who manage food allergy issues every day and work closely with the families of students who have food allergies and medical conditions that require a modification to their menu. Our approach involves coordination between parents and guardians, school nurses, school administrators, and food service professionals in the school's/district's food allergy and medical conditions protocol.

If you would like your child to receive meal accommodations for food allergies or a medical condition impacting the diet, please visit:

https://www.manitowocpublicschools.org/services/food_service/DietaryNeeds

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your student's allergies or dietary needs, please don't hesitate to reach out to our food service office. We are committed to providing safe meals for all students.

Programs that Encourage Fun and Discovery

Chartwells continues to inspire healthy eating habits and spark a culinary curiosity to last a lifetime through fun and engaging programs, including:

- **Discovery Kitchen:** Designed to make nutrition education fun and entertaining, Chartwells chefs and dietitians have worked together to create curriculums that get kids cooking, trying new foods, and learning about what they're eating. Each month has a different theme and activities will be adapted for the current meal programs.
- **Mood Boost:** This innovative program helps elementary and middle school students connect what they eat with how they feel. It features recipes and characters that focus on six moods: Smart, Happy, Confident, Alert, Strong and Calm.
- **Student Choice:** Giving high school students a voice in deciding what food concepts are featured and new menu items that will be available, Student Choice brings the latest food trends to school menus.

Celebrating Our School Lunch Heroes

As kids advance from grade to grade with new classes and different teachers, the dedicated lunch ladies and men in the school cafeteria are often one of the few constants throughout the academic journey. Whether they're at the ready with a spoon, spatula, or welcoming smile, these school lunch heroes go above and beyond to not only serve foods kids love to eat, but to ensure that students leave the cafeteria happier and healthier than they came in.

Food Service is fun and rewarding! We are always looking for talented individuals to join the dining services team with perks including, a work schedule that is family friendly, no night or weekend work, hiring incentives, and more. For more information, email kleinb@mpsd.school

Through sharing our passion for great tasting food, instilling a desire for food discovery, and most importantly, providing nourishing meals, we're excited to continue serving up happy and healthy to your children in the year ahead.

We love hearing from parents, and your feedback is important to us. Please reach out to our team with any questions or comments. We're looking forward to a great school year!

Thank you,

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