

WORTHINGTON CHRISTIAN LOWER SCHOOL
Cafeteria procedures and guidelines
2023/2024 School Year

LUNCH MENU

Lunch menus are available on each campus cafeteria bulletin board, our WC website under the "Parents and Students" tab, and on FACTS.

LUNCH PROCESS

Lower School Students (K-Stars -6th grade), order their *lunch with milk or milk only* every morning in their classroom through their teacher.

A LA CARTE PURCHASES (3rd-6th grade only)!

With parental permission, we also permit **3rd through 6th** grade students to order additional a la carte items from the daily menu. *Main item, side item, fruit, or vegetable. (No dessert or sweet items).*

Students must purchase a full lunch to purchase a la carte items. Items must be ordered in the class through their teacher on FACTS each morning. If you do not want your student purchasing extra items, please communicate with your student about your expectations!

K-stars will be walked to the cafeteria to pick up their ordered lunch/milk.

1st and 2nd grade students will receive their lunch or milk ticket prior to coming to lunch based on what they ordered that morning.

Biometric scanning

3rd-6th grade students will use our biometric system. The school will take a scan of each new student's index finger, and that file will be connected to his/her student record on FACTS. When he/she purchases items in the cafeteria, the student will simply scan their index finger into the reader at the check-out station. WCS has used the biometric system for lunch since 2015 with zero security issues.

You do have an option to opt-out of the system by sending an e-mail to:

Kathy.kramer@worthingtonchristian.com

LUNCH PAYMENTS-PREPAID SYSTEM

FROM YOUR COMPUTER: Login into your ParentsWeb account and click on FACTS Financial. You will see the following: PREPAY ACCOUNTS - Here you can see your Food Service balance, review your purchases, and add funds.

FROM YOUR PHONE APP.: you would open FACTS, click on billing. You will see: (FACTS Family Portal Tuition-Prepay Accounts-Food Service-Add Funds). Here you can also see your Food Service balance, review purchases, and add funds.

Please remember Food Service operates as a prepay system; you must maintain a positive balance for your child to purchase lunch. We recommend that you load it up to start the year!

BALANCE DUE-Blocked accounts

It is *your responsibility* to monitor your family account on a regular basis and add funds as needed to keep a positive balance.

We reserve the right to block neglected-unpaid accounts. As a suggestion, while checking student grades and homework click in to check your balance and add funds.

Please make it *your priority* to monitor your family account to avoid this "undesired" option.

In addition to blocking the lunch account, grades could be blocked on your FACTS account until the account is paid in full.

DELAYED START GUIDELINES-

LS-K-6 Lunch service will NOT be provided on a delayed schedule. Students are required to pack a full lunch with drink

LUNCH SCHEDULE

5th & 6th grade 11:15-11:45

3rd & 4th grade 11:45-12:15

LUNCH & MILK PRICES

Full lunch (includes milk) \$3.25

Milk (white or chocolate) - \$.65

LUNCH PROCEDURES

1. Students will order their milk or lunch through their teacher in the classroom each morning.
2. Teachers will line students up for lunch based on what they are doing. Full lunch, milk, or packing before heading to the cafeteria.
3. Buyers will scan their index finger at the register, get milk choice, utensils, necessary condiments, and lunch tray. **1st and 2nd graders** will receive a ticket by their teacher based on what they ordered that morning.
4. Students are NOT permitted to trade or ask for other students' food.
5. All food must be eaten in the cafeteria. (Not taken out to the playground).
6. Talking is to be kept in a low, inside voice.
7. Students are dismissed by an adult leader. Students are to throw away all their trash and clean up their immediate eating area.
8. Once dismissed, students are to exit the cafeteria, get their coats, put their lunch box in their class bin and go directly to the playground.
9. Microwaves are available during lunch (3rd-6th ONLY) A 2-minute maximum use per student is required to ensure all students can use them. K-2 students will NOT have access to microwaves.

MILK, JUICE, or WATER

As a part of a regulated, balanced lunch milk is a requirement. IF your student has allergies or you give them permission to exchange for a juice box or water (knowing that the lunch will not meet the dairy requirement for a balanced lunch), please send a written note or an_email to Kathy.kramer@worthingtonchristian.com. Otherwise, they can only have milk.

PEANUT FREE/ALLERGY TABLE

We have set aside a specific table that is marked for students with peanut allergies. A student with a peanut allergy is allowed to sit at this table – and can have a friend, so long as they are a LUNCH buyer for the day (to ensure there are no peanut products in their lunch). Please make sure we are aware of your student's allergies.

Any questions feel free to contact the food service director

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