

WORTHINGTON CHRISTIAN LOWER SCHOOL
Cafeteria procedures and guidelines
2024/2025 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-6th grade), order their lunch or milk every morning in their classroom through their teacher. Students are only permitted to purchase products for themselves on their account. They may NOT come through and purchase items for another student or use another student's account.

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

In addition to purchasing lunch and milk, we also permit **with** parental permission **3rd through 6th** grade students to order additional a la carte items from the daily menu. 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 making extra item purchases, please communicate with your student about your expectations!

Biometric scanning:

K-6th grade students use the M2SYS biometric system. We will take a scan of each new student's index finger, and that file will be connected to his/her student record on FACTS. Students who have previously been scanned, will not need to have it done again. When he/she purchases items in the cafeteria, the student will simply scan their index finger into the reader at the check-out station. Their purchase will immediately post to your family FACTS account and deduct the cost.

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 me an e-mail:

kathy.kramer@worthingtonchristian.com

LUNCH PAYMENTS-PREPAID SYSTEM

1. **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 as needed. Please remember that Food Service operates as a prepay system; you must maintain a positive balance for your child to purchase lunch. We recommend that you add money prior to starting the school year and monitor it on a regular basis!

BALANCE DUE-Blocked accounts

When your FACTS lunch account goes negative, you will receive an e-mail from them. PLEASE do not ignore this message to add funds.

We reserve the right to block neglected-unpaid accounts. Unfavorable option.

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

Kindergarten 11:50-12:35
1st & 2nd grade 11:30-12:15

3rd & 4th grade 11:15-12:00
5th & 6th grade 11:45-12:30

LUNCH & MILK PRICES

Full lunch (includes milk) \$3.50
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. Students are to hang their coats on the racks outside the lunchroom BEFORE getting into line.
4. Buyers will scan their index finger at the register, get milk choice, utensils, necessary condiments, and lunch tray.
5. Students are NOT permitted to trade or ask for other student's food.
6. All food must be eaten in the cafeteria. (Not taken out to the playground).
7. Talking is to be kept in a low, inside voice.
8. Students are dismissed by raising their hand and excused by an adult leader. Students are to throw away all their trash and clean up their immediate eating area.
9. Once dismissed, students are to **exit**, get their coats, put their lunch box in their class bin and go directly to the playground.
10. Microwaves are available during lunch (**3rd-6th ONLY**) A 2-minute maximum use per student is required to ensure all students have time to 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, please send a written note or an email to kathy.kramer@worthingtonchristian.com.

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 your school manager or the food service director.

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