

LUNCH/BREAKFAST PROGRAMS AND PROCEDURES: Student breakfast and lunch programs are designed to provide every student with balanced meals that are both nutritious and tasty. So that no student is neglected, a government-subsidized, free and reduced breakfast and lunch program is available for families who qualify. As the Summer Seamless Program is no longer offered through the USDA, it is important for parents to apply for the Federal Meal Program. Applications are required by August 15th. Any family who may now qualify for the Federal Meal Program, may request a temporary application by calling the school. All applications must be re-submitted annually, as required by the state of Ohio. Applications can be filled out on line by using <u>MySchoolApps.</u>

For the 2023-2024 school year, school lunches will cost \$3.25 at Wilcox and Bissell, \$3.50 (Dodge, RBC, and THS). For students who want to purchase milk only for packed lunches, the cost is \$.50. Breakfast is \$2.00 (Costs are subject to change). Meals may be paid for in advance. The preferred method of prepayment for meals and extras is using our new online option, MySchoolBucks. This new online option will enable parents purchases transfer view student and funds to between siblings. Payments can be made by check or cash, but should be done on Monday or the first day of the school week only. PLEASE NOTE THAT CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED AT ALL SCHOOLS, BUT ONLY FOR PREPAYMENTS, AS WE WILL NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO MAKE CHANGE FOR STUDENTS OR PARENTS. If parents at Wilcox or Bissell would like to have the option to have to prepay for milk for their child, please contact Mark Bindus at mbindus@twinsburgcsd.org so that this a la carte option can be enabled for your child in our Point of Sale computer system. Each students' account must be enabled to allow for such purchases. Parents can also utilize our deposit drop boxes in our

Welcome Centers of each school to drop off checks (made payable to Twinsburg Food Services).

Twinsburg City Schools allows all students (from grades K-12) to charge a maximum of three lunches (approximately \$10.00). After that limit is reached, students in grades K-6 will be offered an "Angel Fund" lunch. A "Tiger Lunch Fund" lunch is any lunch of their choice (no a la carte) that is funded by the donations of generous parents and community members. This lunch is served to your student at no cost to you. The only thing we ask is that when you are able to pay for lunches that you do so on <u>MySchoolBucks</u> and choose to make a donation to "Tiger Lunch Fund" at check out. Students in grades 7-12 will be offered a tray with their choice of milk, fruits and vegetables. All of these replacement lunches are given away at no charge to the student. Students at all schools will not be able to charge breakfasts, but a complimentary fruit and milk will be offered.

Students who choose not to buy lunch may pack a lunch from home.

Food Safety will remain our number one concern when we prepare meals for the students of Twinsburg City Schools. All of our staff is trained annually on food safety. Additionally, each one of our Managers in each one of our buildings is <u>ServSafe</u> Certified. Our goal is always to serve your student the most nutritious and safest breakfasts and lunches possible.

Food Quality has been and always will be important. Our Registered Dietitian, Mark Bindus, plans our menus to ensure that not only are the foods we serve safe, but nutritious and tasty. Our menus are planned to exceed current Federal Standards and be appealing and tasty for your students. Each day we will offer fresh fruits and vegetables as well as our homemade pizza and Cheesy Bread with dipping sauce as a meatless options.