



Tommy's Food Service

"GREAT FOOD FOR GREAT KIDS"
St John the Evangelist School
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TOMMY'S LUNCH 101

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Tommy's Food Service is truly blessed and thankful to be a part of the St John School community. We strive to provide a variety of your child's favorite foods and healthy snacks, as well as a pleasant experience for you. We do not fry any foods and are a peanut-free kitchen. We prepare most items from scratch each morning using the highest quality products available. Many of our recipes have been in the family for years.

School Lunch Accounts 101

It is very important to remember that lunch accounts utilize a debit system – there is no credit. Students will receive an account number to make purchases. Returning students will use the same account number from the previous year. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to fund the account, monitor purchases online, and discuss purchasing habits with their child. We ask that you maintain a positive balance of \$20.00 in the account. The current menu is available on the school website and on school Weebly home page.

Due to rising minimum wage, food cost, the combo lunch cost is \$6.25. It includes an entrée as well as milk, juice, or bottled water. The following items can be purchased separately: milk, fruit juices, bottled water, fruits, homemade soup, assorted salads (e.g. tuna, chicken or egg), cookies, potato chips, yogurt and other snacks. Available daily except pizza day: hotdogs and grilled cheese sandwiches for \$2.75. Papa Johns Pizza will be served on Pizza Day. The meal includes 1 slice of pizza and 1 milk for \$3.50, or just a slice for \$2.75. Tommy's food service uses complete oven baking system. The average student spends about \$40/week when purchasing daily lunch and occasional snacks.

Funding the Lunch Account

There are several ways to add money to your child's lunch account. We accept checks, cash in an envelope with your child's full name, and online payments via PayPal. There will be no cash sales at the register. Just a friendly reminder that PayPal charges a fee of 2.9% + 30 cents will be deducted. Please make checks payable to **Tommy's** in an envelope with your child's full name and lunch account number on the memo line for proper credit. **There is a \$30 NSF (non-sufficient fund) fee assessed to the lunch account for each returned check. This covers our bank fees.

To send a payment via PayPal, you may go directly to www.paypal.com our merchant name is lunch@stjohnsp.org. Always include your child's full name or lunch account number for proper credit. PayPal charges a fee of 2.9% + 30 cents, which will be deducted (by PayPal, not Tommy's) and the adjusted amount will be credited to your lunch account on the next business day.



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Negative Account Policy

Students will be told verbally when they reach a \$0.00 balance, and email notice when the account reaches (-\$5.00). Email notices will be sent out weekly. Students with negative account will only be given the lunch of the day (no extras, e.g. cookies and no seconds). Currently, we do not charge any fees if the account falls negative.

Being told they have a zero or negative balance can be upsetting or embarrassing for some students, so please make sure they understand if there is no money in the account, they cannot purchase extras. We try to be flexible and gentle, always giving students a verbal warning when they are approaching the "No Snack Zone".

Monitoring Accounts Online

Go to the www.mymealmoney.com, select your school, enter the last name, and ID # in the respective fields. Instead of pressing the enter key on your keyboard, you'll need to manually click on the green GO button. You will see an overview of your child's account in the yellow box immediately below. Parenthesis around the amount (\$0.00) indicates a negative balance. Once you see your child's name and home room information, you can click on the History button to the left to view account details and 30 days of history. The current day's history is available after 3:00pm.

Purchasing Habits

Please consider this a great opportunity to discuss healthy eating habits with your child and begin teaching them about basic money management. These life skills truly begin at home. We understand that students don't always respect their parent's instructions. If your child does not have your permission to use a lunch account, you must notify Tommy's in writing and bring the account to a zero balance before it will be closed. Otherwise, accounts remain open and available for use.

Questions?

Please contact cafeteria staff with any questions, feedback, or suggestions you may have. Email is the best form of communication. We value your opinion and are always looking for ways to improve how we serve you and your child.

Regards,

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