

Welcome From the Bulldog Café 2018-2019

Dear St. Bernadette Family,

First, welcome to all the St. Bernadette Families to the Bulldog Café Lunch Program as we begin our 2018-2019 school year. As we have followed in the past, we meet or exceed the guidelines for the National School Lunch Program.

Menu Good News

Our cafeteria will continue to serve a large variety of vegetables and fruits, more often fresh or frozen versus canned, to meet or exceed the required portions. Our challenge is to make sure students try different foods and to eliminate waste. We do our best but our most effective resource is the parents. Encourage your child/children to sample items. They don't need to take a whole portion of one item just as long as they have a ½ c. total of vegetable/fruit combined. Our kitchen is peanut free. We have Meatless Mondays and Wednesdays are Domino's pizza (an extra slice is \$1.25). The milk offered is fat-free in white or chocolate. All grains served are 100% whole grain (WG). Items denoted **F/S** are made "From Scratch." Snacks offered are baked or reduced fat chips, low sugar ice creams (\$.50each) and juice based Slushies (\$.75)

PRICES:

One Lunch (with milk included)	\$2.85	(\$.10 increase)
Milk	.50	
Snack	.50/.75	

Families that qualify for Free/Reduced Price meals may fill out the enclosed application and return it to the office (in care of Cafeteria). You may apply any time during the school year, but you must qualify before discount prices go into effect. If you are in the Ohio Department of Education database and are automatically approved for free lunches you will be notified via postal mail.

Using "My School Account" Payment System:

We are continuing to use "myschoolaccount" electronic payment system, provided by Food Service Solutions.

Please refer to the attached "Why **myschoolaccount**" sheet for more details and how to register for this program. Please note, the cafeteria will deposit your check made payable to **The Bulldog Café** to your account at no additional charge.

Any remaining balance in your account will be transferred to the youngest sibling, if applicable, or forfeited.

Our Bulldog Café is a wonderful asset to our school. Your participation (whether once a week, daily or when lunches are forgotten) is vital and most appreciated.

Your input regarding the lunch program is welcomed and encouraged. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Have a great year!!!

Sincerely,

Gilda McWilliam (gmwilliam@stbern.net)

Sharen Spurrier

cc: *Monica Dietz*

Mary Egan

Why “myschoolaccount.com”?

This POS (point of sale) technology will allow parents the convenience of prepaying for their child’s purchases at whatever level you choose. Create an account through “myschoolaccount.com” and pay by debit/credit card (note processing fees applicable). You will be able to track all your child’s purchases and receive low balance emails.

With one check, you can divide funds among your children. You must have a “myschoolaccount.com” in order to receive a hot lunch. No cash will be accepted for a hot lunch during lunch periods.

Your child(ren) will be able to pay for lunch items by using their own 4-digit access code. Your codes are attached here and are to be given out to at your discretion. Only the cafeteria staff will have these codes in case of forgetfulness. As always, children eligible for free or reduced lunches are never identified.

NEW:

Three ways to deposit funds:

- 1. Credit Card, online with “myschoolaccount.com”, 4% service fee on amount deposited**
- 2. Checking Account, online with “myschoolaccount.com”, \$2 fee per transaction**
- 3. Check sent to St. Bernadette Cafeteria, no fee (made payable to Bulldog Café)**

Remaining balances:

Money remaining in accounts will carry over to the next school year.

Graduating or transferring students funds will:

- A. Be transferred to younger siblings**
- B. Not be refunded**

We ask that you maintain a positive balance for your children to enjoy lunch. Please monitor your account to ensure it maintains a positive balance. We monitor for negative balances daily. If your account is negative \$5 or more you will be contacted to remit immediate payment. Snack privileges are suspended on those accounts that are negative of \$5.00 or more.

To ensure that all accounts remain in good standing the parish office will debit from your FACTS to eliminate any outstanding negative balances. This will occur twice a year, in January and May.

On a final note, please be sure to indicate purchase options when setting up your account. Meal plan refers to a hot lunch, and “a la carte” refers to single milk, snacks, single slice pizza etc. We highly recommend choosing the “low balance” option. This feature will notify you when your account balance is low.

We hope you find this system convenient and easy to use. As always we are here to answer any questions and hear concerns. The school office can be reached at 440-734-7717.

Have a Happy School Year and Blessings,
Gilda McWilliam
Food Service Manager

*cc: Monica Dietz
Mary Egan*

How to create an account:

In order to take advantage of this convenient new service, you will need to create a parent account. This requires you to:

1. Go to www.myschoolaccount.com.
2. Click "Create Account" on the top menu bar.
3. Fill in the required information on the "Parent Account Sign-Up page."
4. Choose <school district> from the "School District" drop down menu.
5. Create a User ID and Password
6. Click the "Accept" box, and then click "Signup." An email will be sent to your email address that will contain a "verification code."

After you receive the "verification code" you may begin to add your children's information. To do this, you will need to:

1. Go to www.myschoolaccount.com and login using your previously created user ID and password.
2. Enter the "verification code" to verify your account and email address.
3. Begin adding your children's information according to the guidelines provided. You will need each of your children's student ID** numbers as well as (some school districts also require date of birth) to add each student.
4. After the students are added you will be able to view the lunch account activity and make payments to the student lunch account.

Note: A parent account can be linked to many children, but a child can only be linked to one parent.

We urge you to take full advantage of this system by making deposits into your children's accounts on a weekly, monthly, or annual basis. You are free to choose the amount of each deposit.

If you have any questions about this or any other food service program, please contact Gilda McWilliam, Food Service Manager, 440-734-7717.

*Questions regarding the www.myschoolaccount.com service should be directed to support@myschoolaccount.com.

**If you do not remember you children's ID numbers, they can be obtained by contacting the Bulldog Café 440-734-7717.