



Welcome Back!
Duxbury Public Schools and Chartwells Introduces Plans for
Serving Up Happy and Healthy at Mealtime
For the new school year of 2020-2021

As students at Duxbury Public Schools head back for the 2020-2021 school year, one thing that won't change is Chartwells K12's commitment to continue creating the best dining experience for students and keeping mealtime a safe, happy, and healthy experience for all. In addition to serving foods kids love to eat and offering great-tasting menus developed by Chartwells chefs and dietitians, health and safety remains the top priority for the kitchen staff at Duxbury Public Schools.

Chartwells has been working collaboratively with the district to determine what plans will fit best for each school regarding a safe environment to serve meals.

The Lunch Program will be offering meals to all Duxbury Public School students **daily when school is in session**, for **In-Person, Hybrid, as well as Remote Learning**.

HELPFUL INFORMATION:

Through a federal grant from the USDA, Duxbury Public School students can **all receive free breakfast and lunches until December 31, 2020, or** until federal funds run out, which may be prior to Dec 31. ****Please note that one free lunch is granted per student per day. A meal consists of a main entrée, side vegetable and fruit along with an 8 oz milk. A student may purchase a second meal, water or snacks but that is not included with the meal and will be charged to the students account. We cannot substitute water for milk.****

When the federal grant expires, the normal school lunch program, with meal pricing and free and reduced eligible students, will resume. For this reason, we ask that you continue to complete the Meal Application for Free and Reduced lunch. We will also continue to contact families if they qualify for Free or Reduced status when directly certified, as we do each year.

For the start of the school year, we will offer breakfast at DMSHS and lunch meals in all schools. We will be developing procedures to all students to purchase a la carte snacks and beverages in the near future.

PAYMENTS

A La Carte snacks and beverages: To avoid your student and kitchen personnel having unnecessary contact, the best method is to prepay for any snacks and beverages, and later for meals, is in advance using the online payment service at myschoolbucks.com. **Please note that My School Bucks that can provide you unlimited deposits to your student(s)' account for one low annual fee! Please contact them for more information.** If paying by cash or check (check payable to Duxbury Food Services.), payments may be made to cashier at meal time or sent to your student's school in an envelope. The payment envelope should be sealed and labeled with student name, grade and teacher. The check should include student name(s).

These are the meal prices for SY 2020/2021, once the federal grant for UNIVERSAL free meals expires on or around 12/31/20. There is no change in pricing from last school year. Any student that qualifies for free or reduced through direct certification or meal application would maintain those benefits even once the federal grant expires

Paid Meal prices for All Breakfast at \$1.50	Reduced Price Breakfast \$0.30
Paid Meal prices for DMSHS Lunch at \$2.85	Reduced Price Lunch \$0.40
Paid Meal prices for Elementary Lunch at \$2.65	Reduced Price Lunch \$0.40

IMPORTANT REMOTE LEARNING MEAL SERVICE NOTES:

- Remote/Home Hybrid Learners – All families will have the ability to pick-up meals for their student(s) to enjoy on remote learning days. These meals are free for all as a result of the USDA federal grant (which will expire tentatively on 12/31/20). Meals will be available for both Breakfast and Lunch to represent the number of remote days per student (Cohort C = 5 days, Cohort A/B = 3 days). Pickup details are as follows:
 - **Monday:** Pickup at Duxbury Middle School, 71 Alden Street, from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.
 - **Wednesday:** Pickup at Duxbury Middle School, 71 Alden Street, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- If you are interested in participating in the remote meal program, please fill out your information at this [link](#).

BREAKFAST SERVICE:

- **DMSHS:** Pre-packaged Breakfast meals will be picked up by the students in the Café. Students will provide their Pin# or Lunch Scan Card to the cashier, and they will then dine in their classroom. Students will be served and dine with social distancing and safety protocols in place.

LUNCH SERVICE:

- Lunch meals: For All Elementary and Middle School students, all Meals will be delivered and consumed in the classroom to maintain required social distancing guidelines while eating.
- ALL Elementary and Middle School students will preorder their lunch either with their classroom teacher (Elementary) or via a daily google form (Middle School). Meals will be delivered to classrooms in insulated, sanitized carriers. All meals will be pre-packaged. Students will not visit the cafeteria for lunch meals. Students at all schools will eat at their desks that are spaced six feet apart and facing in the same direction. This allows for adequate social distancing so that they can remove masks in order to consume food and enjoy their meal.
- All high school students will be served through the café. We have provided lunch scan cards to every student to ensure complete touchless service. Students will eat their lunch, socially distanced in the café and other designated areas.

While the logistics and location for how meals will be served is different, students, staff and parents can have peace of mind knowing that our plans are rooted in the most stringent health and safety practices aligned with federal and state regulations, along with local health department recommendations.

All Chartwells K12 foodservice associates have participated in COVID-19 specific training, undergo health screenings before each workday and follow strict guidelines for glove, mask and physical distancing protocols. Enhanced cleaning and sanitation measures help assure the safest environments possible.

Innovative Food and Nutrition Education Programs

Food is a big part of everyone's well-being, and students need a place to eat where they can connect with others, recharge, and enjoy a sense of happiness in their school. Chartwells' team of chefs and dietitians have created menus featuring kid approved foods in on-trend recipes that encourage food discovery. Chartwells at Duxbury Public Schools strives to inspire healthy eating habits and spark a culinary curiosity to last a lifetime through fun and engaging programs, which they will continue to adapt to the current environment. We are looking forward to re-introducing some of our great programs like Farm to School, Student Choice, Mood Boost and Discovery Kitchen later this school year!

We look forward to seeing our students very soon, make them smile, and to be an important part of their day!!

Please contact me with any questions.

Best Regards,

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