

## **Rockaway Borough School District** **Food Service Program Update for 2021-22**

We are pleased to have the students back in school. Our food service team at Pomptonian Food Service prides itself on the quality ingredients we use to prepare our meals. The USDA Child Nutrition program is making **breakfast and lunch meals (does not include snacks)** available to **ALL students at no cost for the entire 2021-2022 school year.** We are pleased to continue to offer the same great nutritious, balanced meals to help students as we have had in the past.

The safety and well-being of the students we serve remains our highest priority and we have simplified some menu choices to make navigating the lunch lines easier for faster service to promote social distancing. Our goal remains to offer all posted menu options and limit substitutions to the greatest extent possible as we navigate the supply chain labor and product shortages that have been impacting the entire school cafeteria industry.

Finding qualified staff has been a challenge in the cafeteria, just like other establishments. The cafeteria staff are working very hard and keeping up with the increased number of students participating in the program. If you or someone you know wants to join the team in the cafeteria, please click [here](#).

As we started the year, you may notice a few less choices and we look forward to expanding back to the full variety as quickly as practical. We are pleased to feature the highest-quality ingredients and offer several popular meal choices at the middle school and elementary school each day. In addition to the changing hot special, several grab-and-go options are available including all-white meat chicken, assorted Thumann's deli sandwiches, salad meals, pizza, and grill options.

Each meal includes your choice entrée (protein/grain), vegetables, fruit, and an 8 oz milk. We encourage students to select as many fruit and vegetable servings from a variety of pre-packaged choices.

We are pleased to offer a la carte service for students who may wish to supplement their meals with **extra entrees, assorted beverages, cookies and other smart snacks that are available to purchase.** Students may access their prepaid cafeteria balances for these purchases. Please preload your prepaid account at [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com). Cashless transactions speed service to students and minimize contact.

We truly look forward to serving the Rockaway Borough School Community and welcome your feedback as we continuously strive to enhance the school dining experience for the students we serve. Please share your questions, comments, and concerns at [Comments@pomptonian.com](mailto:Comments@pomptonian.com).

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