

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome Back! I hope everyone had a great summer. In late August, I invite you to review September's lunch menu online at [SBSchools/Lunch](#) . Simply select your child's school from the main page and click on "Lunch Menu" to access the menu each month. Access [Nutrislice](#) and you can see important information about the products being served daily. Nutrislice will list all allergy information, ingredients, carbohydrate counts, etc. Please check our menu/Nutrislice for each day's hot and cold lunch selection.

All South Brunswick Schools use a computerized Point of Sale (POS) system for school meal purchases. Please ensure that your child has the necessary funds in his/her account. The POS debit system allows you to prepay for your child's lunch and/or à la carte purchase by cash or check, for a week, a month or even the entire year. The School District also provides parents with a convenient online prepayment service. This service affords parents the ability to deposit money into their child's school meal account, and view the child's account balance by visiting [www.mySchoolBucks.com](http://www.mySchoolBucks.com) . Please refer to the **mySchoolBucks** information sheet on the next page of this letter.

Checks are the preferred method of payment and should be made payable to South Brunswick BOE. Your money will be deposited into your child's debit account and all purchases will be deducted from this account when your child uses his/her personalized debit card. For elementary schools, this card is kept at the school. If your child receives free or reduced price lunches, this system provides complete confidentiality.

Our lunch program is *offer vs. serve* and is compliant with USDA standards. A complete lunch consists of five components including: a meat or meat alternate, fruit, vegetable, milk and grain. In order to be considered a reimbursable lunch, three of the five components must be chosen (1 being a fruit or vegetable). Students who do not choose the required three out of five components will be charged à la carte prices.

When your child's account has three lunches remaining, the cashier will give your child a friendly reminder. Children's accounts do go negative from time to time, but any lunch purchased will be charged to the student's account for collection. Lunch at the elementary schools will be \$2.40; the middle schools \$2.55; the high school will be \$2.70. (Premium Lunches at the middle and high schools will be \$3.50-\$3.90.)

Your child's allergies are listed on each register for the cashier to see through our POS system. The list is updated each year by the school nurses. If you ever have any questions regarding your child's account, please do not hesitate to call the Chartwells Unit Lead Manager at the school. At any time, a parent may request a list of their child's purchases for review. Restrictions or spending limits may be placed on your child's account by sending a written request to Chartwells Dining Services **in care of your child's school** or by logging onto [mySchoolBucks.com](http://mySchoolBucks.com) . If you have any other questions or concerns, you may contact me at [Michele.Armstrong@sbschools.org](mailto:Michele.Armstrong@sbschools.org) .

I hope this information will help you and your child to have a happy and healthy lunch experience. To learn more about Chartwells, visit our website at [www.eatlearnlive.com](http://www.eatlearnlive.com) . We're excited to continue our long partnership with South Brunswick School District. Look for our new *Simply Good* campaigns throughout the school year.

Michele Armstrong, Director of Dining Services

## *My School Bucks Information Sheet*

### **To Access these services:**

- Go to the Web site at [www.mySchoolBucks.com](http://www.mySchoolBucks.com)
- Click on the Enroll Now link.
- Enter the District information and click on the school where your child attends.
- Complete parent information and set up an account.
- To add a student, enter student's name, date of birth and student identification number. (If unknown, contact your child's school.) From this site, you will be able to add money, monitor your child's purchases and put controls on what your child may eat during the day. You will need an email account to use this service.

### **Things to know:**

- If you have more than one child in the District, you can handle all online prepayments from the same account.
- Payments are made through a secure site by credit/debit cards.
- In order to use the online prepayment service, a small convenience fee for each transaction will be assessed to cover bank fees. The convenience fee is \$1.95 per deposit transaction, on a per school basis. Parents placing money in multiple accounts when students are in the same school will only be assessed the \$1.95 fee once per deposit transaction. The South Brunswick School District does **not** profit from the use of this site. Go to the Web site at [www.my SchoolBucks.com](http://www.my SchoolBucks.com)