

LOURDES HOT LUNCH PROGRAM – 2017-18 - Grades K-12
c/o St. Mary’s Catholic Church - 218 N. 6th St., Nebraska City, NE 68410
Phone – 402-873-3024 Email: stmbulletin@windstream.net

Lourdes Hot Lunch Program will begin Thursday, August 17. We strive to serve delicious and nutritious meals according to federal regulations and look forward to serving your child during the upcoming school year.

Free and reduced price meal applications will be mailed two weeks prior to the beginning of school. Applications will also be available on the school website. Families are encouraged to apply for free and reduced lunches because (1) this will help you with the cost of your child’s education; (2) the number of families receiving free and reduced lunches is used as a basis for seeking grants from the federal government; (3) the government reimbursement for free and reduced lunches exceeds what our students pay which helps our program. There is no disclosure of names beyond the superintendent and the program manager.

If your family income is at or below the levels shown on the application, please complete the application and return either to the Hot Lunch Program office (St. Mary’s Catholic Church) or the school office by **Thursday, August 10, 2017** to ensure that your application is approved by the first day of school. Families are responsible for lunch payment until applications are approved. Free and reduced price meals may be applied for at any time during the school year.

Payment Policy

1. Lunches **must** be paid by the month, semester or year **on or before** the due date.
2. All parents are encouraged to use the Automatic Bank Withdrawal to make monthly hot lunch payments. Automatic withdrawals are deducted from your account on the 1st day of each month beginning in August. Forms are available in the hot lunch program office, school office or on the school’s website.
3. Parents who are not paying by the semester or year and are in **good standing** (paying by the due date) can make monthly payments by check to the hot lunch program. Upon two months of late payment, automatic withdrawal is mandatory.
4. Parents of students that bring their lunch may want to establish a minimum balance of (\$15.75) for emergency purposes.
5. Milk: Students bringing their lunch that wish to purchase milk, must either pay each day or by the month, semester or year (preferred). Students that purchase lunch and wish to purchase additional milk **must** pay each day or by the month. It **will not** be deducted from the regular lunch monies.
6. **No** charging of lunches is permitted.
7. After two days of non-payment, students **will not** be served lunch. **The USDA does not require the school to feed students that do not have money.** Students will be charged **\$3.50** for meals not paid in advance and on the second day be required to call their parents.
8. To assure privacy, families who qualify for reduced price meals should put cash or check in an envelope to be given to the hot lunch personnel.
9. **No exceptions.** (If financial arrangements need to be made, please call Linda Willson, Director/Financial Manager **prior** to the due date, (402-873-3024.) Thank you.

Lunchroom Policy

1. **No pop or commercially prepared foods (McDonalds, Pizza Hut, Subway, Valentino’s, etc.) are permitted in the lunchroom.**
2. According to USDA, no pop or competitive foods are to be available to students, 30 minutes prior or 30 minutes following the lunch period.
3. No selling of competitive foods (fundraising, etc.) during the lunch period.
4. Students may bring their individual lunch which shall comply with #1 above. “Outside” food shall not be shared or distributed among other students in the lunchroom.
5. Students that bring their lunch are not allowed to purchase the entrée. A complete lunch must be purchased before additional entrées can be purchased.

EVEN PAY PLAN: The cost per month has been averaged over the school year and due dates are calculated every four weeks. Due to the number of days in the four week period, lunch costs are sometimes more or sometimes less than the amounts shown below, but the balance carries over into the next period. If a student begins the school year bringing their lunch and then begins eating hot lunch, please call for pricing.

EVEN PAY PLAN - \$55.00 PER MONTH - DUE ON OR BEFORE DUE DATE – AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL AVAILABLE

Due Dates: August 17; September 5; October 2; October 30; November 27; January 4; January 29; February 26; March 26; April 23

<u>Grades K-5:</u>	<u>Full Year:</u> \$513.45; (163 @ \$3.15); Reduced: \$65.20 (163 @ \$.40); Milk Only: \$81.50 (163 @ \$.50)
	<u>1st Semester:</u> \$275.00; Reduced: \$31.20; Milk Only: \$39.00
	<u>2nd Semester:</u> \$238.45; Reduced: \$34.00; Milk Only: \$42.50
<u>Grades 6-11:</u>	<u>Full Year:</u> \$519.75; (165 @ \$3.15); Reduced: \$66.00 (165 @ \$.40); Milk Only: \$82.50 (165 @ \$.50)
	<u>1st Semester:</u> \$275.00; Reduced: \$31.60; Milk Only: \$39.50
	<u>2nd Semester:</u> \$244.75; Reduced: \$34.40; Milk Only: \$43.00
<u>Grade 12:</u>	<u>Full Year:</u> \$507.15; (161 @ \$3.15); Reduced: \$64.40 (161 @ \$.40); Milk Only: \$81.50 (161 @ \$.50)
	<u>1st Semester:</u> \$275.00; Reduced: \$32.80; Milk Only: \$39.50
	<u>2nd Semester:</u> \$232.15; Reduced: \$31.60; Milk Only: \$41.00

Please make checks payable to Lourdes Hot Lunch Program. Please do not include with tuition payment. Automatic monthly withdrawal is available. Form enclosed.

For questions or concerns regarding the Hot Lunch Program, please call Linda Willson, Director-Financial Manager, (Mon.-Wed.-Fri. only), 873-3024; email: stmbulletin@windstream.net or Emily Wolken, Food Service Director, 873-9338.