



September 24, 2020

Archbishop Bergan Catholic School Parents/Guardians,

This communication is being sent in reference to changes in our School Lunch Program for the remainder of the 2020 calendar year. Please read through this information and then contact the school office with any questions that you may have in reference to this communication.

Our first request is that you as a parent please verify that your individual family lunch account has a positive balance and that your student has some funds in your family's lunch account. You can log into Sycamore, our school information system, to verify your account balance. If you need assistance in verifying your family's lunch account balance, please contact your school secretary to assist you with this process.

The second piece of information is in relation to CARES Act funding and how it has recently been applied to the Federal Lunch Program. Through the USDA there are funds that are being distributed to School Lunch Programs that are going to allow each Grade K-12 student to receive a single student lunch for FREE from October 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 or until the federal funds are exhausted. This means that there are 53 days of school in which lunches will be served and each Grade K-12 student is allowed to receive ONE free school lunch per school day at no cost to you. Please be aware that students will continue to be required to pay for extras and ala carte items that will be charged to your lunch account, but if your student is simply eating a single school lunch they will not be charged. This benefit is due to CARES act funding from the USDA that is being applied through the Nebraska Department of Education Nutrition Services to participating schools. Archbishop Bergan Catholic is a participating school that will be able to offer our families this benefit from October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 or until the federal funds no longer exist. This is a savings of \$156.35 for each grade K-6 student and \$172.25 for each grade 7-12 student in your family.

Please also be aware that at any time the USDA could tell us that the funds have been exhausted and then we will revert back to our regular lunch charging program. Our hope is that we can participate in this program from for the remainder of the first semester of school. Please be aware then that when we return for the second semester of school on January 5, 2021, we will charge families the normal rates that were set up at the beginning of the school year. Regular lunch charge rates would be in effect from January 5, 2021 through May 20, 2021. These rates are \$2.95 for Elementary Students and \$3.25 for Middle/High School Students.

This is a great financial benefit and opportunity for our families to receive this funding. Our hope is that this benefit assists your family budget and that you would possibly consider placing the savings you receive from this benefit in the hands of a person or organization that is going through financial difficulties instead. We must all continue to serve as a model of stewardship for our students.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dan Koenig'.

Dan Koenig
Principal



Early Childhood Education Center
450 E 4th St, Fremont, NE 68025
P: 402-721-9710 • F: 402-721-5366

Elementary Building
1515 N Johnson Rd, Fremont, NE 68025
P: 402-721-9766 • F: 402-721-1180

Middle/High School Building
545 E 4th St, Fremont, NE 68025
P: 402-721-9683 • F: 402-721-5366

Rev. Walter Nolte, President • Dan Koenig, Principal • Chris Rainforth, Asst. Principal/Director of Activities

Advancement Office: 545 E 4th St, Rm 103 • Fremont, NE 68025 • 402-721-1846 • www.berganknights.org