

2026/2027 St. Susanna School Lunch Program



- **This year we will begin serving 1st – 8th grade students on the first day of school, Thursday, August 13th.**
- **Kindergarten students can start buying lunch on Monday, August 17th.**
- **Lunch Accounts:** All families can access MySchoolBucks.com to add funds starting on August 4th, 2026. Your student's Option C ID is their Lunch ID.
- **Returning Families:** Lunch balances from last year will roll over to the new year. If an older sibling left last year, their balance was rolled over into a younger sibling's account.
- **Come see us at Meet the Teacher Night!** Get your questions answered and/or add funds to accounts!
- **Rules for buying snacks and ice cream:** Every family should review their family's rules with their children. We do sell snacks and ice cream. The following are **OUR** rules. However, if **YOU** do not want your child to be able to purchase these items, please communicate that with your child. If you feel they will not adhere to your rules on their own, you may send an email to lunchroom@stsusanna.org, and we will put a note on their account. However, we cannot stress enough the importance of setting the rules at home so that your child is not embarrassed if told to put something back. Also, we are trying to move 150 kids through the line in 10 minutes or less. So, if you do want us to limit your child, instructions must be short and simple. It is unrealistic for us to manage detailed instructions. Here are OUR snack rules:
 - **Kindergarteners** may NOT purchase snacks or ice cream (no exception).
 - **1st Graders** will be permitted to purchase one snack per day. They may buy ice cream on Fridays only. If a first grader buys ice cream on Friday, that counts as their one snack. Snacks must be purchased as they come through the lunch line. They may not buy a snack later in the lunch period.
 - **2nd Graders** will be permitted to purchase up to two snacks a day. They may buy ice cream on Fridays only. If they buy ice cream on Friday, that counts as one of their two snacks. Snacks must be purchased as they come through the lunch line. They may not buy a snack later in the lunch period.
 - **3rd – 8th Graders** will not be monitored by us. Parents must set up their own rules and monitor their child's spending via MySchoolBucks.com. If this is not working, you may send us an email to make a note on their lunch account (as explained above). Thank you!
- **Monthly Menu:** The monthly lunch menu will be posted on Option C in the File Library and will be included in the Principal's Newsletter. It can also be found on the school website under the "Current Families" section.
- **Instagram:** We are on Instagram! Find us at *stsusannacafe*.

****New****

2026 – 2027 Pricing

When you buy any entrée + 2 sides, that equals a Meal.
Milk is free when you get a Meal.

All Sides are now \$0.60 each.

Hot & Cold Entrees	
\$2.75	Hot Lunch Entrée
\$2.75	6-inch Sub
\$2.75	Hummus, Pretzels, & cheese stick
\$2.75	Guacamole, Tostitos, & cheese stick
\$2.75	Personal Pizza Kit
\$2.75	Fruit and Yogurt Parfait
\$2.75	Salami and Cream Cheese Roll-ups
\$2.00	Bagel & Cream Cheese or Butter
\$1.50	PB&J Sandwich (Uncrustables)

Ala Carte Items:	
\$0.60	All Sides (hot or cold)
\$0.80	Tier 1 Snacks (fruit snacks, cookies, brownies, Goldfish, etc.)
\$1.05	Tier 2 Snacks (Chips, Pretzels, Pop Tarts, Rice Crispy Treats, Donut Holes)
\$1.25	Cereal
\$1.25	Ice Cream (including Gf and Nut Free options)
\$1.75	Udi's Gf Chocolate Chip Cookie
\$2.00	Sweet Street Gf Rice Krispie Treat

Drink Choices	
\$0.00	Free Milk (when you buy 1 entrée + 2 sides)
\$0.35	Milk
\$0.40	Bottled Water (8 ounce)
\$0.65	Assorted Flavor Juice Boxes
\$1.55	Propel or Izze Drinks (offered to 5 th -8 th graders on Fridays)
\$2.00	Yogurt Smoothie

Information on Sides

- Our menu does not list all the sides we are serving each day, but please know your child will have many choices for sides each day on our serving lines.
- **Veggies:** The first half of the bar is more vegetable-based. Here are examples of choices that may be available on any typical day: lettuce, fresh cut veggies such as cucumbers, carrots, and tomatoes, salad dressings, cheese sticks & beef jerky sticks. We may also offer cooked items on this portion of the bar, such as baked beans, black beans, buttered corn, green beans, or broccoli. **(If your child is allergic to milk, please tell them to avoid the self-serve cooked veggies.)**
- **Fruits & Yogurt:** The second half of the bar is our fruit section. We typically offer at least 3 fruits, plus frozen fruit juice slushies (Sidekicks) and 4 oz yogurt cups. Here is a list of the different fruits we cycle through: bananas, cubed watermelon, apples (freshly cut & dipped in pineapple juice), navel oranges (fresh cut), grapes (cleaned and stemmed), fresh-cut pineapple, fresh-cut cantaloupe, canned mandarins, canned peaches, canned pineapple.



- **Salad Bar:** On Wednesdays, we have our most comprehensive salad bar set up, which includes many of the following items: lettuce, cucumbers, tomatoes, carrots, red peppers, olives, pepperoni slices, croutons, hard-boiled eggs, and dressings. If your student wants to build a large salad, they can do so on their tray or on a dinner plate, and it will be charged as a salad entrée (\$2.75).
- **Portion Control:** Once a student puts food on their tray, we cannot remove it or return it to the bar. If a student builds a small side salad on their tray with multiple items on it, that counts as one side. But if they fill 3 separate compartments, that will be charged as 3 sides. A general rule of thumb is a half a cup = a side. If a student builds a heaping pile of fruit = to a cup of fruit, we will charge that as two sides.

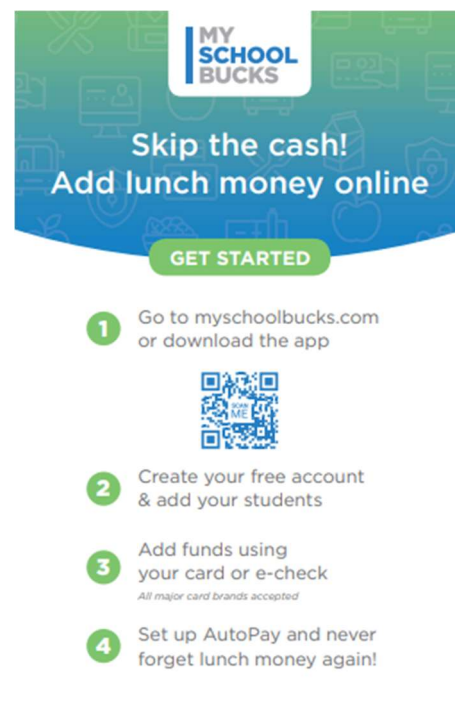
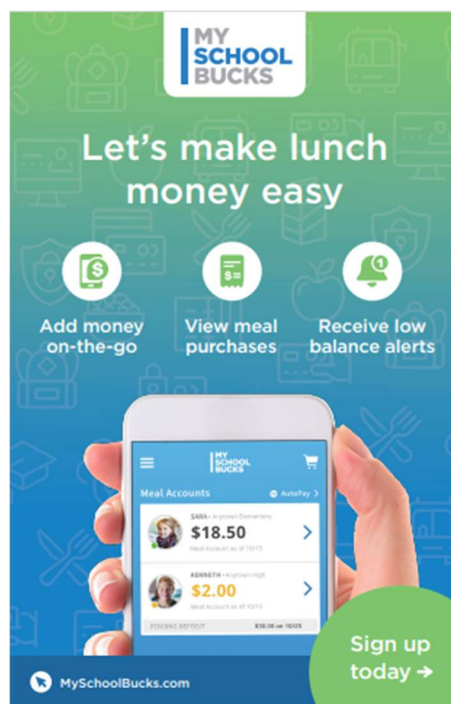
Funding your Students' Lunch Account

There are two methods for funding your students' lunch accounts.

- 1) Register your student's lunch accounts through www.myschoolbucks.com. You can also download the mobile app for MySchoolBucks (QR code below). This allows you to pay using a credit card. This is our preferred method, as money often gets left in backpacks. This is also the best way to ensure that your child always has money in their account.
- 2) You may send in cash or check payments, made out to "St. Susanna Hot Lunch", through the school mail. Put check or cash in an envelope. The envelope must include the following: Hot Lunch, Child's name, & Lunch account number. When sending money for multiple children, please specify how you want the money distributed. *We have many families who write one large check at the start of the year that will cover their child for a trimester. No credit card processing fees and no annoying emails!* **We do not accept coins.**

What is my Lunch Number?

Your students will be assigned an Option C ID. This is the same number they will use for their Lunch Number and their Library Number.



Is there a fee?

MySchoolBucks charges a \$3.75 processing fee for each transaction. It is not per child, but per transaction. If you process payments for all of your St. Susanna kids all at one time, it is treated as just one transaction. You can elect to deposit as much as \$150.00 in each of your students' accounts and process it as one transaction, and it will only cost you \$3.75.

Monitoring your Students' Spending and Food Choices

All families should create a My School Bucks account, even if you prefer to pay by cash/check. By creating a My School Bucks account, you can see exactly what your child is purchasing each day.

Our kitchen provides a wide variety of healthy sides but also snacks, ice cream, drinks, and à la carte items for purchase. PLEASE speak with your child about your expectations for their lunch purchases. We prefer not to embarrass your kids by telling them they must put something back. Every family is different. We have some students who know they are only permitted to purchase the meal with milk. We have other families who let their kids buy whatever their child is willing to eat. If you need us to make a note on their account, we can do so. Just send us an email to lunchroom@stsusanna.org. We will do our best to enforce your rule.

Allergy Information

We receive individual student allergy information from the school nurse. We document the information on the student's lunch account to be seen by the staff as they are checking out. **BUT** we are under a time crunch and have a lot of distractions when 150 kids are coming through the line at one time. So, if your child has a severe allergy and wants to buy in our kitchen, please set up a meeting with our kitchen manager and discuss realistic expectations or possible workarounds. Please schedule an appointment via email at lunchroom@stsusanna.org.

Low Balance Notifications

Email notifications are sent to you from the cafeteria when account balances fall below \$5.00. This should give you sufficient time to replenish funds for the account before it reaches \$0.00. We ask you to please pay attention to these notifications. They come from the following email address:

StSusanna@e-hps.com. You may need to check your junk mail folder to find them. In addition, if you have a My School Bucks account, you can also turn notifications on or off there, so you do not receive multiple emails each day.

Insufficient Funds Policy

Students must have money in their account to buy each day. When an account hits \$0.00, students will not be permitted to purchase extras such as snacks, ice cream or juice. They will always be able to purchase a meal, and it will be added to their negative account balance. **If an account/family becomes delinquent (holds a balance of -\$25 for a week or longer), we reserve the right to charge a non-payment fee of \$10.00 to the balance.**

Questions or Concerns

Please contact the kitchen if you have any questions via our email at lunchroom@stsusanna.org. This is the quickest and best way for us to respond to any questions you have. We check our emails in the morning and at the end of the school day. We serve lunch from 10:45am-1:30pm and, during that time, responses may be delayed.