

Dear Croton-Harmon Parents,

We hope your child or children had a wonderful first day. As a followup to our recent [K-12 Announcement](#) about the September 9th launch of the all-school Child Nutrition Program (formerly referred to as the School Lunch Program), this letter provides important information about the program, including how your child can participate in a way that works best for your family.

New and Transformed Spaces:

We have a new kitchen and serving area at PVC, with meals for all three schools being prepared there. There is also a new servery at CET. [Click here](#) to see how they look.

Meal Cost:

Breakfast - \$2.75

Lunch - \$3.75

Ala Carte - Varies and will be available on our website soon

Finding Important Information:

All information regarding our Child Nutrition Program can be found on the district's [WEBSITE](#) by scrolling down to our "Quick Links" area or via the top site navigation on our main page (Departments>Child Nutrition Program)

School-specific menu and program information can be accessed directly through the following links:

- [Carrie E. Tompkins Elementary](#)
- [Pierre Van Cortlandt Middle School](#)
- [Croton-Harmon High School](#)

Menu and Program Guidelines:

We will operate under the guidelines of the National School Lunch Program and in accordance with the Federal Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act. Each school's menu will offer multiple choices each day which include a hot entrée, sandwich options featuring Boar's Head cold cuts, fresh salad and bagel platters. A fruit, vegetable and milk are offered with all meals and ala carte items will be available and priced accordingly. Please visit your school's website menu for complete meal options for September (see below). Interactive menus that provide all ingredients and highlight potential allergens will be available shortly.

- [CET Lunch](#)
- [PVC Lunch](#)
- [CHHS Lunch](#)
- [Breakfast \(Grab & Go at PVC & CHHS\)](#)

Free/Reduced Lunch Program:

Under the National School Lunch Program, the district receives state and federal funding and is authorized to offer free meals to families who meet specific income guidelines. To find out if your child is eligible, or if you would like more information on the program, please review this [Parent Letter](#). To apply for free and reduced price meals, please complete a [2019-2020 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals](#), and return the completed form to:

Croton-Harmon UFSD
Attn: Tracey Borges
10 Gerstein Street
Croton-on-Hudson NY 10520

ALL FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH ACCOUNTS THAT WERE IN EFFECT ON JUNE 2019 WILL REMAIN ACTIVE THROUGH OCTOBER 21, 2019. A NEW APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED BY OCTOBER 21, 2019.

Program Launch:

Beginning on September 9th, lunch will begin at all schools and a grab-and-go breakfast will be available at PVC and CHHS.

Students will be making their lunch and breakfast selections as they move through the serving line. As such, we encourage you to review the menus with your child so that they are familiar with the offerings and feel comfortable making their decisions. Staff will be available to assist our elementary students through the serving lines.

The district will utilize a computerized POS (Point of Sale) system that will provide information about your child's lunch program, including special dietary needs. Here is how it works:

- Students will identify themselves to the system using their Student ID number, which they will key in.
 - Rosters will be available at all school registers for students who have forgotten their ID#.
 - CET students will be provided with ID cards until they've memorized their ID#.
- Upon entering their code at the register, the student's photo will be displayed along with any information about that student's allergy(ies) to alert the food service worker.
- Personalized serving notes for your child can also be added into the system (for example: serve snacks only on Friday) by emailing ctorregrossa@chufsd.org.
- NOTE: Student allergy information for CET and PVC students will not be available in this system until mid-September. Please contact your child's school nurse to ensure allergy information is up to date.

Payment Options:

Students can make lunch purchases via cash or through our online payment system, MySchoolBucks.com. We encourage you to take advantage of this benefit as it will help serving lines move quickly, allow for the convenient replenishment of funds, and let you monitor all your child's purchasing. Enrollment is very easy ([click here for video tutorials](#))! Download the MySchoolBucks App ([iPhone](#), [Android-via phone only](#)) to make payments on-the-go, view meal balances, & track purchases ([click here for MSB App video](#)).

To establish your account, you will need your child's Student ID#. This can be found on the [eSchoolData Parent Portal](#), your child's schedule, or by contacting your school's main office. Please note there is a \$2.49 administrative fee per on-line replenishment transaction to cover the use of MySchoolBucks.

Should you have any questions regarding our Child Nutrition Program, please feel free to contact our Food Service Director, Christine Torregrossa, at 271-2191 ext. 2090 or ctorregrossa@chufsd.org.

Sincerely,
Denise Harrington-Cohen
Assistant Superintendent for Business