

CHATHAM CENTRAL SCHOOLS



11/18/11

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

The Chatham CSD Nutrition and Food Service Department will be implementing a computerized Point of Sale (POS) system in all our cafeterias. The new system, NUTRIKIDS® POS, will increase our level of service and provide accurate school meal accounts. It will start on 12/6/11 at the Middle School, 12/7/11 at MED and 12/8/11 at the High School. Both lunch and breakfast services will be included and processed on this system.

Each student in the Chatham School District has been provided a NUTRIKIDS® POS account that will keep accurate record of the purchases he or she makes in our cafeterias. Every student will also be issued a 5-digit number (included with this letter) that they will be required to punch into a keypad every time they make a purchase.

When fully implemented, the new system will allow parents to track the day-to-day cafeteria transactions their children make. When a student enters his or her personal code at the time of transaction, that student's purchases will be logged in the student's NUTRIKIDS® POS account. Student accounts may be accessed online through the NUTRIKIDS® website, a link to which is provided on the Food Service page of www.chathamcentralschools.com. Account log in procedures will be provided at a later date. If, for any reason, you would prefer a print copy of the transactions of your child's account, we will provide one upon request.

Families may continue to use their current methods of payment, and prepayment of meals is always accepted. At this time, we are looking into offering online payments through the NUTRIKIDS® website. More information on that is to come.

The Nutrition and Food Service Department recently evaluated many different computerized POS systems and a decision was made to purchase and implement the NUTRIKIDS® POS system. As the program is rolled out, lunch lines may temporarily move slower, but as students familiarize themselves with the system, wait times are expected to be shorter than they have been in the past.

Thank you in advance for your patience while we implement this system.

If you have questions, please feel free to call me at my office at 518-392-1536.

Sincerely,

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