

# LAST DAY FOR FREE MEALS FRIDAY MARCH 3, 2023

## Newtown Public Schools will continue to offer free meals until March 3, 2023

### PAID MEALS WILL BEGIN Monday March 6, 2023

In the State of Connecticut, the School Meals Assistance Revenue for Transition (SMART) funds has been enacted allowing all students to temporarily receive free breakfast and lunch meals regardless of family income. Newtown PS allocation will provide funding for free meals through November 30, 2022. Newtown Public Schools will continue to offer free meals until March 3, 2023. On March 6, 2023 the district will revert to charging for meals.

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#### BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MEAL PRICES

	BREAKFAST	LUNCH
ELEMENTARY	N/A	\$3.10
REED & MIDDLE SCHOOL	N/A	\$3.35
HIGH SCHOOL	\$2.45	\$3.60/\$4.50
REDUCED – PRICE	\$0.30	\$0.40
MILK - 8 OZ	\$0.75	\$0.75

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#### **FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEAL APPLICATION INFORMATION**

We encourage families who are in need of financial assistance (and who have not done so already), **to complete and submit the confidential Free and Reduced Price Meal Application to ensure meal benefits are available for students who qualify for free or reduced-price meals.**

Parents or guardians can submit this application by mail to Determining Official Jacki Kulikowski at Newtown High School 12 Berkshire rd. Sandy Hook, Ct. 06482, Jacki Kulikowski, or email her at [kulikowskij@newtown.k12.ct.us](mailto:kulikowskij@newtown.k12.ct.us). The application is available online in the Food Service portion of the Newtown PS website. The application includes detailed instructions on how to complete and submit to the Food Service Department. Applications can be submitted at any point in the school year as household income may change during the year.

Please remember that **students are expected to pay for snack items even during the “free meal period”** This *means that funds in the students account should be available to them daily. Snack purchases will not be made if the student owes money for unpaid snacks or meals.*

Additional information and the application can be found by visiting the below link:  
<https://www.newtown.k12.ct.us/>

Please reach out to John Morris with any concerns, Food Service Director at [john.morris2@compass-usa.com](mailto:john.morris2@compass-usa.com) any questions.

## **How to make PAYMENTS INTO your child's ACCOUNT**

There are 3 ways to place money onto your child's account:

**1. Cash:** Highly discouraged at this time, however, it will be accepted in any amount at any register at each school. Please send in the amount to be placed on account, change back is not always available for large bills.

### **2. Checks:**

- Written for a minimum of \$25
- Made out to **Newtown Food Service**
- Written in blue or black ink
- Include your child's first and last name for reference.



**3. Online payment:** Credit card payments are accepted through the Newtown PS Website – Click on Parents at the top of page – Nutrition & Lunch Menus – Helpful Links on lower right – **My School Bucks** *(please note there is a transaction fee charged which is explained on the website)*. Or click here [My School Bucks Home Page](#)

## **!! Save time and make sure you child has funding by using the autopayment feature !!**

Our Point of Sale program works directly with **My School Bucks** to provide detailed information about your children's account, so you can view it FREE anytime! We strongly Recommend that all parents sign into **My School Bucks** to access your child's account information.

From **My School Bucks** you can:

- View balances & receive low balance email reminders
- Check your child's spending habits
- View online account statement & make payments
- Set up automatic payments based on account balance

## **STUDENT ACCOUNT INFORMATION**

All students use their student ID# to access their meal account to purchase snacks and a la carte items. Their Student ID is the number that identifies them in the district and is the same number used to access their Chromebook. This allows:

- Quicker service in the line
- Students with allergies and food restrictions to be identified
- Parents to put controls on their child's purchases