Lunch Prices for 2022-2023 School Year:

Lunch Prices \$3.05 increase of .15

Milk Prices \$0.43 increase of .03

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2022-23

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Bethlehem Lutheran School offers healthy meals every school day. Lunch costs \$3.05. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is .40 for lunch. This packet includes an application for free or reduced price meal benefits, and a set of detailed instructions. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

1. WHO CAN GET FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS?

- All children in households receiving benefits from FoodShare, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), or W-2 cash benefits are eligible for free meals, when listed on the application.
- Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
- Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
- Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
- Children may qualify to receive free or reduced price meals if your household's income is at or below the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines.

Household size	Yearly (\$)	Monthly (\$)	Weekly (\$)
1	25,142	2,096	484
2	33,874	2,823	652
3	42,606	3,551	820
4	51,338	4,279	988
5	60,070	5,006	1,156
6	68,802	5,734	1,324
7	77,534	6,462	1,492
8	86,266	7,189	1,659
Each additional person:	8,732	728	168

- 2. HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY? Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions and have not been told your children will get free meals, e-mail amy.morrelle@ourbethlehem.com.
- 3. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. *Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household.* We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: Bethlehem Lutheran School Office.
- 4. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE ALREADY APPROVED FOR FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS? Please read the letter you received carefully and follow the instructions. If your letter indicated you qualify for free meals, then no application is needed. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact Amy Morrelle at amy morrelle@ourbethlehem.com. If your household was notified it qualified for reduced price meals, we encourage you to complete an application to potentially qualify for free meals based on household size and income.

- 5. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year, through, or when a new eligibility is determined. You must submit a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year. If you do not submit a new application that is approved by the school or you have not been notified that your child is eligible for free meals, your child will be charged the full price for meals.
- 6. I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC <u>may</u> be eligible for free or reduced price meals, but it is based on income. Please submit an application.
- 7. MY CHILD(REN) QUALIFIES FOR BADGERCARE PLUS OR MEDICAID. CAN MY CHILD GET FREE MEALS? Children with BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, or subsidized insurance may be eligible for free or reduced price meals, but it is based on household income and household size. Please submit an application to determine if your household qualifies.
- 8. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.
- 9. IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER? Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed or experience a financial hardship may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
- 10. WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to
- 11. MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN? Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced price meals.
- 12. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that you <u>normally</u> receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
- 13. WHAT IF SOME HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS HAVE NO INCOME TO REPORT? Household members may not receive some types of income we ask you to report on the application, or may not receive income at all. Whenever this happens, please write a 0 in the field. However, if any income fields are left empty or blank, those will also be counted as zeroes. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you meant to do so.
- 14. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY? Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Do not include any combat pay resulting from deployment as income.
- 15. WHAT IF THERE IS NOT ENOUGH SPACE ON THE APPLICATION FOR MY FAMILY? List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper and attach it to your application.
- 16. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for FoodShare or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call 1-800-362-3002.

If you have other questions or need help, please email Amy Morrelle at amy.morrelle@ourbethlehem.com.

Sincerely,

Amy Morrelle-Lunch Director

Bethlehem Lutheran School

HOW TO APPLY FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS

children attend more than one school in the Sheboygan area school District. The application must be filled out completely to certify your children for free or reduced price school meals. Please follow these instructions in order. If at any time you are not sure what to do next, please contact Amy Morrelle at Bethlehem Lutheran School by email Please use these instructions to help you fill out the application for free or reduced price school meals. You only need to submit one application per household, even if your

PLEASE USE A PEN (NOT A PENCIL) WHEN FILLING OUT THE APPLICATION AND DO YOUR BEST TO PRINT CLEARLY.

STEP 1: LIST ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS WHO ARE INFANTS, CHILDREN, AND STUDENTS UP TO AND INCLUDING GRADE 12

Tell us how many infants, children, and school students live in your household. They do NOT have to be related to you to be a part of your household.

- Who should I list here? When filling out this section, please include ALL members in your household who are:
 - Children grades 12 or under AND are supported with the household's income; and
- In your care under a foster arrangement, or qualify as homeless, migrant, or runaway youth, or enrolled in a Head Start program.

lines on the application, attach a second piece name. Use one line of the application for each of paper with all required information for the A) List each child's name. Print each child's child. When printing names, write one letter in each box. Stop if you run out of space. If there are more children in household than additional children.

of the school the child attends or B) Enter the grade and the name mark n/a if not in school.

for foster children, after finishing STEP 1, go to STEP 4. next to the children's names. If you are ONLY applying listed are foster children, mark the "Foster Child" box C) Do you have any foster children? If any children members of your household and should be listed on your application. If you are applying for both foster Foster children who live with you may count as and non-foster children, go to step 3.

program? If you believe any child listed in D) Are any children homeless, migrant, and complete all steps of the application. this section meets this description, mark Head Start" box next to the child's name runaway or enrolled in a Head Start the "Homeless, Migrant, Runaway or

STEP 2: DO ANY HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS CURRENTLY PARTICIPATE IN FoodShare, W-2 Cash Benefits OR FDPIR?

If anyone in your household (including you) currently participates in one or more of the assistance programs listed below, your children are eligible for free school meals: The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or FoodShare.

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or W-2 Cash Benefits.
 - The Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR),
 - A) If no one in your household participates in any of the above listed programs:
- Leave STEP 2 blank or check "No" and go to STEP 3.
- B) If anyone in your household participates in any of the above assistance programs:
- Write a case number and <u>name of the assistance program</u> you or any member of the household participates in for FoodShare, W-2 Cash Benefits, or FDPIR. You only need to provide one case number. If you participate in one of these programs and do not know your case number, contact your case worker. Medicaid and BadgerCare case numbers do NOT qualify for free or reduced price meals.
 - Go to STEP 4.

STEP 3: REPORT INCOME FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

How do I report my income?

- Use the charts titled "Sources of Income for Children" and "Sources of Income for Adults," printed on the back side of the application form, to determine if your household
 - Report all amounts in GROSS INCOME ONLY. Report all income in whole dollars. Do not include cents. Gross income is the total income received before taxes. Many people think of income as the amount they "take home" (listed as "net pay" on paycheck stub) and not the total, "gross" amount. Make sure that the income you report on this application has NOT been reduced to pay for taxes, insurance premiums, or any other amounts taken from your pay.

STEP 3: REPORT INCOME FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

- are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report. If local officials suspect that your household income was reported incorrectly, your application will be Write a "0" in any fields where there is no income to report. Any income fields left empty or blank will also be counted as a zero. If you write '0' or leave any fields blank, you investigated.
- Mark how often each type of income is received using the boxes to the right of each field.

3.A. REPORT INCOME EARNED BY CHILDREN

A) Report all income earned or received by children. Report the combined gross income for ALL children listed in STEP 1 in your household in the box marked "Child Income." Only count foster children's personal income if you are applying for them together with the rest of your household.

What is Child Income? Child income is money received from outside your household that is paid DIRECTLY to your children. Many households do not have any child income.

3.B. REPORT INCOME EARNED BY ADULTS

List adult household members' names.

- Print the name of each household member in the boxes marked "Name of Adult Household Members (First and Last)." When filling out this section, please include ALL adult members in your household who are living with you and share income and expenses, even if they are not related and even if they do not receive income of their own.
- Do NOT include:
- People who live with you but are not supported by your household's income AND do not contribute income to your household.
- C) Report earnings from work. Report all total gross income Infants, children and students already listed in STEP 1.

at jobs. If you are a self-employed business or farm owner, you will report your net income. the application. This is usually the money received from working (before taxes) from work in the "Earnings from Work" field on

expenses of your business from its gross receipts or revenue. net amount. This is calculated by subtracting the total operating What if I am self-employed? Report income from that work as a

F) Fluctuating Income. For seasonal workers and others whose a shorter period of time; for example, school employees. employment contracts but may choose to have salaries paid over than others. In these situations, project the annual rate of income fluctuates and usually earn more money in some months income and report that. This includes workers with annual

> support/alimony/SSI/VA benefits. Report all income that applies in but regular payments should be reported as "other" income in the support or alimony, only report court-ordered payments. Informal benefits NOT listed on the chart. If income is received from child application. Do not report the cash value of any public assistance the "Public Assistance/Child Support/Alimony" field on the D) Report income from public assistance/child

members of your household that you have not listed on the household members in the field "Total Household Members (Children G) Report total household size. Enter the total number of application, go back and add them. It is very important to list all household members listed in STEP 1 and STEP 3. If there are any and Adults)." This number MUST be equal to the number of eligibility for free and reduced price meals. household members, as the size of your household affects your

> pensions/retirement/all other income. E) Report income from Report all income that applies in the

Income" field on the application.

"Pensions/Retirement/Social Security/All Other

Security Number (SSN). An adult household SSN. If no adult household members have a apply for benefits even if you do not have a SSN in the space provided. You are eligible to member must enter the last four digits of their H) Provide the last four digits of your Social the right labeled "Check box if no SSN." SSN, leave this space blank and mark the box to

STEP 4: CONTACT INFORMATION AND ADULT SIGNATURE

address in the fields provided if this information is available. completely reported. Before completing this section, please also make sure you have read the privacy and civil rights statements on the back of the application. children ineligible for free or reduced price school meals. If you have no permanent address, this does not make your A) Provide your contact information. Write your current An adult member of the household must sign the application. By signing the application, that household member is promising that all information has been truthfully and application must print or sign B) Print or sign your name. their name in the signature The adult filling out the **Lutheran School Office** form to: Bethlehem C) Return completed to share information about your children's race and D) Share children's racial and ethnic identities ethnicity. This field is optional and does not affect your (optional). On the back of the application, we ask you children's eligibility for free or reduced price school

Sharing a phone number, email address, or both is optional,

box.

but helps us reach you quickly if we need to contact you.

2022-2023 Household Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals

1121 Georgia Avenue Sheboygan, WI.53081

Complete one application per household. Use a pen (not a pencil),

others with fluctuating income, project the annual income and Seasonal Workers, and "I CERTIFY (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that this information, I am aware that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted under applicable State and Federal faws." Medicald and Badger Care do not qualify. ☐Yes/☐No If more spaces are required for additional names, attach another sheet of paper. Flip the page and review the charts titled "Sources of Income" for more information. Check box if no SSN Program Name (Required) Daytime Phone and Email (optional) 'n. ₩ ₩ 49 49 49 Do any Household Members (including you) currently participate in any of the following assistance programs: FoodShare, W-2 Cash Benefits, or FDPIR? School the child attends or NA if not in school All Adult Household Members (including yourself)
List all Household Members not listed in STEP 1 (including yourself) even if they do not receive income, For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income from any source, write '0'. If you enter '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report. 2x Month BHWeakly How often? Weekly × Insert your school district mailing address here Write only one case number in this space. E. Pensions/Retirement/ Social Security, Other income × Child income × w 닭 Case Number H. Last Four Digits of Social Security Number (SSN) of Primary Wage Earner or Other Adult Household Member—REQUIRED or check box if no SSN 69 uding grade 12 who are Household Members Bi-Weekly 2x Month Sometimes children in the household earn income. Please include the TOTAL income earned by all infants, children and students up to and including grade 12 listed in STEP 1 here. State How often? If you answered NO > Complete STEP 3. If you answered YES > Write a case number here, then go to STEP 4 (Do not complete STEP. Definition of Household Member: "Anyone who is living with you and shares income and expenses, even if not related." Child Support/ Alimony/SSI/VA Benefit D. Public Assistance/ Return completed form to your school 49 49 43 bers (skip this slep if you answ Child's Last Name Š Bi-Weekly | 2x Month How often? List ALL intaints, children, and students up to and incl Weeldy Printed Name OR Signature of Adult Completing this Application -- REQUIRED Apt# Report Income for ALL Housefold Mem Eamings from Work Contact information and adult signature Total Household Members (Children and Adults)—REQUIRED ပ w W 47 w Name of Adult Household Members (First and Last Name) Street Address (if available) Child's First Name A. Child Income STEP 2 STEP 3 STEP 1 STEP 4 Ω

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