

OUR



SCHOOL REPORT

Olmsted Falls School District

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July/August 2012

NEW FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS IMPACTING SCHOOL MEALS

The USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) has set forth new Federal Guidelines for school meals. Olmsted Falls School District - along with all school districts across the country - will be required to begin formal implementation this upcoming school year. Knowing what new rules were coming, the Olmsted Falls Food Service Department has already been gradually making many of these changes so as to ease the transition and avoid shock for students and parents as the mandated requirements officially go into effect for the 2012-2013 school year. The USDA plans to partner with State agencies to monitor compliance.

BIGGEST CHANGES FOR OLMSTED FALLS:

- Students will now be required to have ½ cup of fruit or vegetables on their tray for it to count as a full meal. Anything less than a full meal must be charged at a la carte prices. Purchasing items a la carte will be more expensive, so students are encouraged to purchase the full meal for the best deal. All school cafeterias will offer a larger variety of fruits and vegetables daily to give students more to select from.
- Portion size requirements have been set for three different age groups: K-5, 6-8 and 9-12. While many menu items will stay the same, the new portion sizes and recipes will be designed to meet the specific requirements set forth for each age group.
- Limits have been placed on the amount of meat, meat alternate (cheese, yogurt, etc.) and grains schools can offer. Previously, schools only had a minimum to meet, but could offer more. With the new requirements, schools must now stay within the specified ranges for each age group. This means main entrees may not be as large as they have been. (Remember, though, that there will be more fruits and vegetables available.)

WHAT THE DISTRICT IS ALREADY DOING:

- Half of all grains offered must be whole grain rich; almost all grains offered in Olmsted Falls School District already meet this requirement.
- Vegetables from the following groups must be offered each week: dark green, orange/red, and legumes. Schools then have the option to include starchy and other vegetables. Olmsted Falls has been working towards this goal by serving fresh veggie trays with low-fat, homemade ranch dressing and/or hummus dip, fresh sweet potatoes, switching to a romaine/spinach salad mix, offering legumes, and a variety of other vegetables during the week.
- Schools have until 2014-2015 to meet the first level of sodium limits. While this requirement can prove challenging for some districts, Olmsted Falls School District is very close to meeting it now by using only fresh and frozen vegetables (instead of canned which typically have more sodium.) As manufacturers reformulate some of their products to bring down sodium levels, it will become easier to meet this requirement.

OLMSTED FALLS HIGH SCHOOL WELCOMES NEW PRINCIPAL

Olmsted Falls School District is pleased to announce the hiring of Mrs. Holly Schafer as the new principal of Olmsted Falls High School.

Mrs. Schafer was hired following an extensive interview process which included a series of panel interviews with groups comprised of individuals representing our High School faculty and staff, District administration, parents and community members. (A total of 41 individual stakeholders took part in the interview selection team.)

Mrs. Schafer comes to us from Brunswick High School where she has been an assistant principal for the past four years. During her career in education, Mrs. Schafer was also a high school social studies teacher with experience in Advanced Placement curriculum.

“We are excited to welcome Mrs. Schafer to Olmsted Falls High School and are confident that our High School students, both current and future, will flourish under her educational leadership,” said Superintendent Dr. Todd Hoadley.

Mrs. Schafer officially begins her duties as principal of Olmsted Falls High School on August 1st.

Mrs. Schafer is a life-long resident of Northeast Ohio. She grew up in Strongsville and currently resides in Columbia Station with her husband, Marty, and their four daughters.



*New Olmsted Falls High School Principal
Mrs. Holly Schafer*

MEET & GREET

Tuesday, August 14th

Help us give a warm Bulldog welcome to Mrs. Schafer! Parents & students are invited to stop by the High School office to meet Mrs. Schafer anytime between 5 - 7 p.m. on the evening of Tuesday, August 14th.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO TO HELP:

- Encourage your children to try new foods at home and school.
- Join your child for lunch and/or breakfast anytime.
- If you have questions or concerns, please contact Director of Food Services Denise Tabar at 427-6440.

ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES

New students enrolling for the first time, either as new residents or as kindergartners, should follow the procedures below. Note: all kindergarten students are considered new students.

1. Please contact the building where each student plans to enroll to arrange for an appointment. (*See contact information listed for each building located on back cover.*)
2. Only parents, legal custodians and/or legal guardians can register students in the district.
3. If moving in from another district, do not forget to sign a release form from your previous district.
4. Items needed at time of enrollment:
 - **Student's Birth Certificate**
 - **Student's Social Security Number**
 - **Student's Immunization Records**
 - **Proof of District Residency** (One of the following: tax bill, mortgage coupon, gas, electric or sewer/water bill, or a signed rental agreement.)
 - **Proof of Custody** (Certified copy of court order, if applicable.)
 - **Driver's License or Picture Identification**
 - **Most recent report card**

To expedite your enrollment process, registration packets may be downloaded from the District website – www.ofcs.net. Packets contain Olmsted Falls City Schools Registration Form, Release Form for Information from Previous District, and a Home Language Survey. Packets downloaded from the website are formatted to be filled out on your computer so that completed forms can simply be printed and brought to your registration appointment. If you do not have access to a computer, registration packets can also be picked up at the Board of Education Office Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Forms are the same for all five buildings.

EARLY ENTRANCE NOTICE

Children must be five years old by August 1st to enroll for Kindergarten classes in Olmsted Falls School District. The District is frequently contacted with questions regarding early entrance of children into Kindergarten. According to Ohio Administrative Code, if a child does not turn age 5 by the District cut-off date (August 1st) but turns 5 by January 1st, the parent may request that the child be tested for possible placement in Kindergarten. Children who do not meet the mandatory cut-off date (August 1st) cannot be admitted into Kindergarten unless they meet the criteria for early admission pursuant with the District's adopted Acceleration Policy for Advanced Learners. The standards, which have been established by the District for the purpose of early admittance, emphasize skills and characteristics which correlate with success in an academically-oriented program. The evaluation is designed to identify those children who are functioning at a superior level in all developmental areas including intelligence, academic readiness, social/emotional maturity, verbal abilities and physical development. To discuss the appropriateness of early entrance for an individual child, please contact Mrs. Merritt Waters, Director of Student Services at (440) 427-6530 or mwaters@ofcs.net.

2012-2013 BUILDING SCHEDULES (START & END TIMES)

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| High School | 7:37 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 8:37 a.m. to 2:50 p.m. |
| Middle School | 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. |
| Intermediate School | 7:55 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. |
| Primary School | 8:00 a.m. to 2:35 p.m. |
| Olmsted Falls Early Childhood Center: | |
| A.M. Kindergarten | 7:55 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. |
| P.M. Kindergarten | 11:40 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. |
| A.M. Preschool | 8:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. |
| P.M. Preschool | 11:40 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. |
| St. Mary of the Falls | 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. |

GIFTED IDENTIFICATION NOTICE

The Olmsted Falls City Schools gifted identification plan identifies students in the areas of superior cognitive ability, specific academic ability, creative thinking ability, and visual and/or performing arts ability. The identification process consists of three phases: referral, screening and assessment. Specific criteria for identification are used for each area. A teacher or parent may refer children for identification by completing and submitting the application form, available at each building, during the first week in September or the first week in March.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Peggy Morris, Coordinator of Gifted Services at (440) 427-6500 or pmorris@ofcs.net, or Mrs. Merritt Waters, Director of Student Services at (440) 427-6530 or mwaters@ofcs.net.

CHILD FIND NOTICE

School districts across the State participate in an effort to identify, locate and evaluate all children from birth through 21 years of age who may have disabilities. Disability, in this instance, means such conditions as hearing or visual impairments, speech or language impairments, learning or behavioral disabilities, multiple disabilities, other health impairments, physical impairments, autism and traumatic brain injury as defined by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). A referral may be initiated by parents or agencies knowledgeable of the child's needs. Upon receipt of a referral, Olmsted Falls City Schools will seek further information about the child using a variety of possible sources such as interviews, screening and testing to determine whether the child qualifies for special education services. All information will be held in strict confidence and released only with parental permission or as required by law. Please contact Mrs. Merritt Waters, Director of Student Services at (440) 427-6530 or mwaters@ofcs.net for more information or assistance.

FEDERAL FUNDS NOTICE

Federal Funds are provided to school districts on an annual basis for specific programs. Though these Federal Funds amount to less than 3% of the total general fund, they are used judiciously to supplement District teaching and learning programs in areas such as special education, reading, math, professional development, and early childhood education. If you wish to provide input or have questions, please contact the Assistant Superintendent at (440) 427-6000 or jlloyd@ofcs.net, or the Director of Student Services at (440) 427-6530 or mwaters@ofcs.net.

MEDICATION POLICY & PROCEDURES

An **important reminder** to parents regarding the Medication Policy for all buildings:

- All medication must be brought to school by a parent or responsible adult. Once medication orders are recorded, EpiPen injectors and/or asthma inhalers may be transported on the bus and carried at school **with a physician's self-carry order**. No other medications can be transported to school on the bus or carried at school.
- Medication Forms can be downloaded from the school website or obtained from the school office.
- A Medication Form **MUST** accompany ALL medications before they can be administered. (Prescription medications require **both** a physician and parent signature; over-the-counter medications require only a parent signature.)
- All over-the-counter medications are given per package instructions, unless ordered by a physician.
- All medication must be in its original container.

Health Care Action Plans and/or Medication Order Forms have been sent home with all students with health conditions who may require treatment at school. Blank copies of the Health Care Action Plans and/or Medication Order Forms for the 2012-13 school year were sent home with students at the end of this past school year. Please be sure both parent and physician signatures are included on the form(s). If you did not receive a Health Care Action Plan and you feel your child needs one, please call your child's school health clinic on the first day of school. *Newly registered preschoolers & kindergartners in need of a Health Care Action Plan and/or Medication Order Form should contact the school health clinic on the first day of school.*

IMMUNIZATION RESTRICTIONS

A student is not permitted to remain in school for more than 14 days, unless written evidence is presented to school officials that the student has been immunized by a method approved by the Ohio Department of Health.

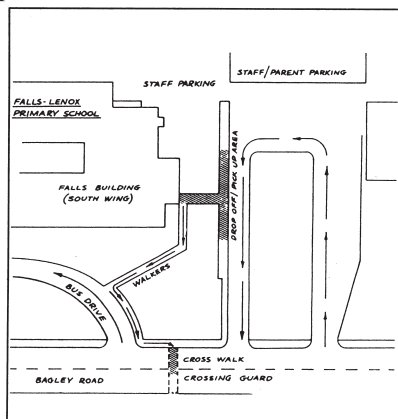
Students must be immunized against poliomyelitis, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, and measles, or be in the process of being so immunized. Ohio Immunization Law requires that all children present written evidence of immunity to mumps and rubella.

If you have a question about this policy, or feel you have a reason why your child should not be immunized, please contact your building principal.

If your child is not immunized due to religious or personal beliefs, you must have a letter from your doctor to confirm.

FALLS-LENOX PRIMARY SCHOOL TRAFFIC PATTERN

If you plan to drop off or pick up your child from Falls-Lenox Primary School, please refer to the map (at left) and the following procedure to facilitate a safe and orderly process:

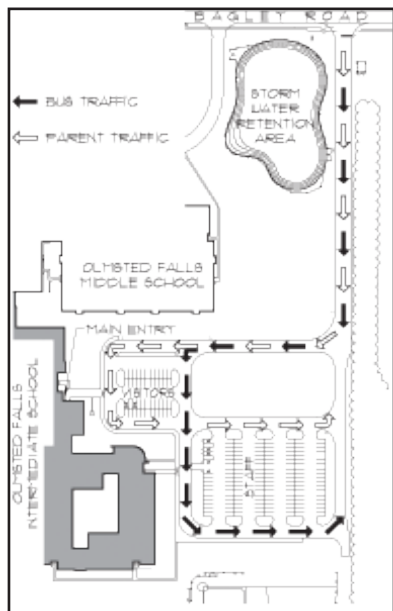


- No parking is permitted in the oval area during our bus arrival (7:30 - 8:05 a.m.) and dismissal (2:00 - 2:45 p.m.) times.
- During the remainder of the school day, parking in the oval area is permitted, but only in the designated parking spaces. Please be aware of the handicap parking spaces, and please do not park along the curb.
- In our Drop-Off/Pick-Up area, stopping and remaining in your car is permitted. Move with traffic and pick up or drop off in the area indicated on the map.
- Parking in the area indicated on the map is permitted. After parking, parents must proceed to the Drop-off/Pick-up area to get their child.
- Picking up students in the parking lot is not permitted.

Thank you.

OLMSTED FALLS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL TRAFFIC PATTERN

If you plan to drop off or pick up your child from Olmsted Falls Intermediate School, please refer to the map (at left) for traffic flow, and note the following procedures to help facilitate a safe and orderly process:



- Enter at the driveway leading back to the Olmsted Falls Intermediate School facility (located east of the entrance to the Middle School). Please note that Olmsted Falls Intermediate School and Middle School each have their own separate entrance drives; the drives/parking areas for the two facilities do NOT connect.
- The flow of parent traffic for drop off is indicated with white arrows on the map. The designated drop off area is located in front of the main entry to the school. Move with traffic to drop off your child(ren) along the curb in front of the main entrance as indicated on the map.
- Parents wishing to pick up their children after school, or at any time during the school day, must park and come to the main office to sign their child(ren) out. Picking up students from the curb or in the parking lot is **NOT** permitted.
- Visitor parking is located in the area indicated on the map. Please be aware of the handicap parking spaces, and please do not park along the curb.

Thank you.

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION FOR 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR

BUS INFORMATION MAILED IN AUGUST

The Olmsted Falls School District will provide bus service for **all students in grades K to 12** for the 2012-2013 school year. Individual bus stop information cards are mailed to the homes of all registered students in mid-August. If you have not received a bus stop card by August 17th, please call the **Transportation Department at 427-6350**. Bus route information is also available on the District website at www.ofcs.net.

If you submitted an Alternate Transportation Form, be sure to look for your child's bus information at the bottom of your copy of that form. Please note that the Olmsted Falls School District reserves the right to suspend all requests for Alternate Transportation service at any time due to financial reasons.

IMPORTANT TO NOTE:

- Scheduled pick-up times provided on bus postcards are approximate based on the student roster as of the time the routes were made.
- Pick-up/Drop-off times may vary due to additional or withdrawn students (and therefore stops).
- Weather conditions, road construction, traffic and train delays can also impact pick-up times.
- Routes can tend to run slower for the first week or so of school.

- When Olmsted Falls Schools are not in session as per the Olmsted Falls school calendar, bus routes to the public schools will not be running. **TRANSFER BUSES ONLY** will run from the public school to the non-public schools in the a.m. Non-public routes will run in the p.m. as usual.
- If Olmsted Falls Schools are closed due to inclement weather, there will be no routes or transfer buses running.

ATTENTION PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS GRADES K-5 AND NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS GRADES K-8

All students attending the **O.F. Intermediate School, O.F. Early Childhood Center, Falls-Lenox Primary School, Menlo Park Academy, St. Adalbert, St. Mary of the Falls, and St. Richard School** will ride the same bus routes in the morning to Falls-Lenox Primary School. **Falls-Lenox will act as the hub for students to get on their assigned transfer buses to the appropriate school. PLEASE SEE BUS TRANSFER INFORMATION AND SPECIAL RIDERSHIP INSTRUCTIONS BELOW.**

Students attending **St. Mary of Berea** will ride the appropriate bus to OFMS and then transfer on Bus #88 to St. Mary of Berea in the a.m. Buses #65 and #88 will pick up St. Mary of Berea students in the p.m. and return them home.

OLMSTED FALLS EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER TRANSFER BUSES

All buses will arrive at Falls-Lenox and students attending the Early Childhood Center should use the following procedure to transfer:

In the AM, ECC students should ride the first available transfer bus, either #67 or #69.

In the PM, ECC students should ride their ASSIGNED transfer bus as follows:

Bus #67 will transfer students from Bus #61, #62, #65, #66, #67, 70, #71, #72, #74, #80, #87, #89 and students transferring to Kids First.

Bus #69 will transfer students from Bus #43, #63, #69, #73, #79, #81, #82, #83, #84, #85, #86 and #88.

Please Note: Parents of special education preschool students will be personally notified regarding transportation arrangements for their students. *(Bus transportation is not provided for preschool typical peer students.)*

SPECIAL RIDERSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

for Grade K to 8 Non-Public Students:

BETHEL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

There is no longer a transfer bus to/from Bethel Christian School. Parents may apply for reimbursement in lieu of transportation. *(Please see notice bottom of page.)*

MENLO PARK ACADEMY

Menlo Park students should ride the appropriate elementary route to Falls-Lenox. Bus #71 will transfer students to Menlo Park from OF Intermediate School in the a.m. and Bus #42 will pick up students from Menlo Park in the p.m. and return them home. ****Students arriving at the OFIS transfer site via car must be at OFIS by 7:45 a.m. The transfer bus will NOT return to pick up students from late car arrivals.**

MESSIAH LUTHERAN

There is no longer a transfer bus to/from Messiah Lutheran School. Parents may apply for reimbursement in lieu of transportation.

ST. ADALBERT

In the AM, St. Adalbert students will ride to Falls-Lenox and transfer on Bus #63 to St. Adalbert. Bus #63 will also transfer these students back to Falls-Lenox in the pm and they will ride home on their assigned primary route bus.

ST. MARY OF BEREA

In the am, St. Mary of Berea students will ride to OF Middle School on their assigned bus and transfer to St. Mary's on Bus #88 in the am. In the pm, these students will get picked up at St. Mary's by Bus #65 and #88 and taken home. Please refer to your postcard for your assigned bus numbers.

ST. MARY OF THE FALLS

All buses will arrive at Falls-Lenox and students attending St. Mary of the Falls School should use the following procedure to transfer.

In the AM, St. Mary's students should ride the first available transfer bus, either #65 or #66; **In the PM,** St. Mary's students should ride their ASSIGNED transfer bus as follows:

Bus #65 will transfer all students riding Bus #43, #63, #65, #69, #73, #79, #81-86 & #88

Bus #66 will transfer all students riding Bus #61, #62, #66, #67, #70-72, #74, #80, #87 & #89

ST. RICHARD TRANSFER

In the am, St. Richard students will arrive at Falls-Lenox and will transfer to St. Richard School on Bus #88. Bus #8 will pick up St. Richard students and take them home in the pm.

OLMSTED FALLS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL TRANSFER BUSES

In the AM, OFIS students riding buses #62, #63, #66, #70, #73, #84 and #87 will be dropped off directly at OFIS. OFIS students riding any other bus should ride the first available transfer bus (#61, #70, #71, #74, #80 or #87) from Falls-Lenox to OFIS.

In the PM, OFIS students should ride their ASSIGNED transfer bus as follows:

Bus #61 will transfer students from Bus #61 and #79.

Bus #62 will transfer students from Bus #62, #66 and #67

Bus #70 will transfer students from Bus #65 and #70.

Bus #71 will transfer students from Bus #63, #71, and #88.

Bus #72 will transfer students from Bus #43, #72 and #73.

Bus #74 will transfer students from Bus #74, #83 and #86.

Bus #80 will transfer students from Bus #69 and #80.

Bus #87 will transfer students from Bus #81, #84 and #87.

Bus #89 will transfer students from Bus #82, #85 and #89.

HIGH SCHOOL BUS TRANSFERS

IMPORTANT NOTE

ALL students transferring from OFHS to another school should arrive at their assigned transfer bus NO LATER than 7:05 a.m. Transfer buses will depart OFHS as soon as the last HS bus has arrived. Transfer buses will not wait for or return to pick up students from late car arrivals.

POLARIS STUDENTS

Students attending Polaris will ride to OFHS on the appropriate high school route. Students attending the morning session will transfer to Polaris on Bus #68 at 7:10 a.m. Bus #79 will return these students back to OFHS at 10:55 a.m. Students attending Polaris in the afternoon will transfer from OFHS to Polaris on Bus #89 at 10:35 a.m. and will transfer back to OFHS on Bus #68 at 2:15 p.m.

***THE FOLLOWING NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL RIDE THEIR ASSIGNED O.F. HIGH SCHOOL ROUTE TO OFHS IN THE MORNING AND THEN TRANSFER ON THE**

APPROPRIATE TRANSFER BUS TO THEIR SCHOOL. IN THE P.M., THE TRANSFER BUSES WILL PICK UP AT THE NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND RETURN THE STUDENTS HOME.

SEE INFORMATION BELOW:

HOLY NAME HS

A.M. – Transfer Bus #68 departs OFHS at 7:05-7:10 a.m.; P.M. – Bus #4 to home

MAGNIFICAT

A.M. – Transfer Bus #4 departs OFHS at 7:05-7:10 a.m.; P.M. – Bus #4 to home

ST. EDWARD HS

A.M. – Transfer Bus #42 departs OFHS at 7:05-7:10 a.m.; P.M. – Bus #42 to home

ST. IGNATIUS HS

A.M. – Transfer Bus #42 departs OFHS at 7:05-7:10 a.m.; P.M. – Bus #42 to home

ST. JOSEPH ACADEMY

A.M. – Transfer Bus #4 departs OFHS at 7:05-7:10 a.m.; P.M. – Bus #4 to home

PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TRANSPORTATION: Those parents or guardians of students in grades K-8 who reside in Olmsted Falls School District but attend a chartered Ohio non-public elementary or secondary school that we do not provide transportation to may be eligible for reimbursement for transportation. The school of attendance must be 30 minutes or less traveling time via school bus from the Olmsted Falls school that the student would normally attend. Travel time is calculated from portal-to-portal at the time the bus would normally transport a student to school in the morning. If you feel that you may qualify for Payment in Lieu of Transportation, a written request for reimbursement must be received by **October 1, 2012**. Please submit to: Board of Education, Attn: Office of the Treasurer, P.O. Box 38010, Olmsted Falls, Ohio, 44138.

SCHOOL FEES BY GRADE LEVEL

School fees help pay for consumable materials that can only be used by a single student. Fees charged by the Olmsted Falls School District are comparable to the fees charged by other local school systems. Fees can be paid at school offices with cash or check OR on-line using the EZPay system with a credit card.

Fees are necessary for specific courses / activities at the High School. In grades K - 8 fees help make available the following materials and activities:

Kindergarten - \$50.00

- Language Arts materials
- Weekly Reader
- Computer headphones
- Field trips
- Art supplies

Grades 1-3 - \$65.00

- Language Arts skill book
- Math practice book (1-2)
- Assignment book (3)
- Art supplies
- Science projects
- Designated field trip
- Class projects

Grades 4-5 - \$65.00

- Weekly Reader
- Art Supplies
- Language Arts materials
- Math workbook consumables
- Science/Economics consumables

Grade 6 - \$90.00

- School fee (consumable materials & activities)
- Art
- Technology Education
- Life Skills
- P.E. Shirt
- P.E. Shorts

Grade 7 - \$90.00

- School fee (consumable materials & activities)
- Art
- Technology Education
- Life Skills

Grade 8 - \$90.00

- School fee (consumable materials & activities)
- Art
- Technology Education
- Life Skills



High School (Grades 9-12)

• **\$20.00 Activity Fee** – includes the costs for assemblies, newspaper, student IDs, student planner, and computer accessories (all students must pay)

• **\$25.00 Parking Tag** – for students who drive and park a vehicle at OFHS

• **\$38.00 Graduation Fee** – estimated (all graduating seniors must pay)

* NOTE: Fees for individual High School courses will be mailed to the student's home and can also be accessed on the High School webpage.

SCHOOL MEAL PRICING

OLMSTED FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT FOOD SERVICES OPERATIONS ARE SELF-SUFFICIENT AND USE NO LOCAL TAX DOLLARS. Compared to commercial food establishments, school lunches continue to be a bargain for nutritious food and are comparable price-wise to other school districts. For the 2012-2013 school year, lunch prices will increase by .10 cents as compared to last year. Breakfast prices will remain the same.

The lunch and breakfast costs at each building for the 2012-2013 school year are as follows:

LUNCH PRICES

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|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Early Childhood Center..... | \$2.30* |
| Falls-Lenox Primary..... | \$2.30* |
| Intermediate School..... | \$2.30* |
| MiddleSchool..... | \$2.65 |
| High School..... | \$2.65 |
| | Pizza Meal \$2.90 |
| | Pizza Meal \$2.90 |
| Milk (8 oz. ala carte)..... | \$.50 |
| ReducedLunch..... | \$.40 |

* *Pizza Meal is the same price at these schools.*

BREAKFAST PRICES

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|---------------------------|--------|
| EarlyChildhoodCenter..... | \$1.25 |
| Falls-Lenox Primary..... | \$1.25 |
| Intermediate School..... | \$1.25 |
| Middle School..... | \$1.50 |
| High School..... | \$1.50 |
| ReducedBreakfast..... | \$.30 |

Monthly breakfast & lunch menus for each building can be accessed from the District website. Please visit www.ofcs.net to see what's on the menu - *including first day of school menus* - at your child's building, OR call (440) 427-6441 for menu information or any other food service questions.

*IMPORTANT NOTICE RE: FEE PAYMENT *

Effective August 1, 2012, Olmsted Falls School District will no longer utilize on-site credit card machines for the payment of school fees and school meal accounts. The removal of the credit card terminals from all school buildings is a cost-saving measure for the District. School offices will no longer have the capacity to process credit card payments in the office or over the phone.

Parents can continue to use their credit card to pay for school fees and school meal accounts using the District's on-line EZpay system (see below), which has become the primary method of payment for a majority of parents. (Only 15% of parents were utilizing the on-site credit card terminals.)

Parents choosing to pay school fees with cash or a check can continue to do so by visiting the respective school office.

EZpay SYSTEM CONTINUES FOR 2012-2013

Based on continued positive response from parents, the Olmsted Falls School District will continue to make the EZpay online system available for the payment of school meals and school fees for the 2012-2013 school year.

Parents with already established accounts for their student(s), and whose students will be in the same building as last year, may continue to utilize the system as usual (*entering your credit card information for each transaction*). Parents with students who will have moved up to a new building for the coming school year will need to enter your child(ren)'s ID number the first time you use the system this year to ensure payments are credited to your child's new current building. Parents of new students in the District will be provided with information regarding how to establish a new account.

PLEASE NOTE: THE FLAT RATE USAGE FEE OF \$1.50 PER TRANSACTION WILL REMAIN THE SAME FOR THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR.

For additional information on the EZPay system, please contact Director of Food Services Denise Tabar at 427-6440, or call EZpay directly at (866) 693-9729.

STUDENT DIRECTORY INFORMATION NOTICE

The Olmsted Falls School District designates the following items as "Directory Information:" a student's name; address; telephone number; date and place of birth; major field of study; participation in officially-recognized activities and sports; height and weight, if a member of an athletic team; dates of attendance; date of graduation; awards received; honor rolls; or scholarships. **Parents and/or eligible students have ten (10) days after receipt of this public notice to view the student's "Directory Information" and to provide notice in writing to the school district that they choose not to have this information released.** Unless notified to the contrary in writing within the ten (10) school-day period, the school may disclose any of these items designated as "Directory Information" without prior written consent. Directory information shall not be provided to any organization for profit-making purposes. The Board shall not permit the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for the purpose of marketing or for selling that information (or otherwise providing that information to others for that purpose).

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Voluntary Student Accident Insurance is available. This year, for the first time, the forms will be accessible on-line. If interested in obtaining a form or additional information, please visit www.ofcs.net for the link.

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