

## **Dining Services Protocol – 2021-22**

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Food service at The Summit has always been a source of pride, and we are one of the few remaining schools which employs its own staff and prepares homemade nutritious and balanced offerings at a reasonable price.

After much study and discussion, the following protocols will be in place. These protocols have been informed by guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and our infectious disease experts to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 among our students, faculty and staff.

- Students in kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade will eat in the dining hall.
- Montessori students younger than kindergarteners will eat in the classroom. We've learned this is a better eating process for children this age. Montessori parents will be provided instructions for placing orders thru The Summit's PayPam Ordering System. Students with dietary restrictions should contact [Josie Funk](#), Dining Services Manager, for accommodations.
- Some Upper School students will eat in the dining hall and some will continue to eat in the classroom. Our ability to return all students to eating in the dining hall depends on the level of vaccination we observe in our Upper School population.
- Students going through the serving line must wear a mask, sanitize their hands, select their food, input their PayPam PIN number (we're doing away with the card system we used last year), proceed to the dining hall, and remove their mask to eat.
- We will continue to be a peanut and nut free campus. Students who pack their lunch may not bring nuts or peanut butter sandwiches into the building. Sun Butter sandwiches, which are a reasonable substitute for peanut butter, will be available in all divisions as a lunch option.
- Students who arrive early may buy breakfast items from 7:30-8:10 a.m. in the St. Gregs dining hall beginning August 16th.
- Best practice during a pandemic is for children to bring their own water bottles to school for use during school and for after school activities and sports. Refillable water bottle fountains are available throughout the school. Regular water fountains are available for use as well.