



ST MARCUS SCHOOL

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August 15, 2023

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Great news! We are pleased to inform you that **St. Marcus Lutheran School** will be implementing the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) while participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for School Year **2023-24**.

What does this mean for you and your St. Marcus scholar?

All enrolled students of **St. Marcus Lutheran School** are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at **no charge** to your household each day of the school year. Your child (ren) will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit a meal application.

How does your scholar qualify for free breakfast and lunch?

If your family receives FoodShare, W-2 cash benefits, or Medicaid, you are automatically qualified for free breakfast and lunch via a Wisconsin program called Direct Certification. You do not need to do anything further.

If your family **does not** receive FoodShare, W-2 cash benefits, or Medicaid, you **must** complete an Alternate Household Income form. The Alternate Household Income form will be sent home, Monday, August 21st, 2023. It must be returned no later than Friday, August 25th.

It is critical that EVERY family lets St. Marcus know whether or not they qualify for eligible benefits. Often, students that are applying for scholarships and other programs require a letter from the school stating that they qualify for these benefits. Without this Alternate Household Income form or direct certification, the school cannot supply such a letter.

School breakfast and lunch menus are posted monthly on our parent page:
<https://www.stmarcus.org/school/parent-room>

If we can be of any further assistance regarding our food program, including menus, dietary restrictions, etc, please contact me - becky.hubred@stmarcus.org.

Sincerely,

Becky Hubred
Food Program Coordinator

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