

October 8, 2021

Dear Bethlehem Academy Families,

Bethlehem Academy is participating in the United State Department of Agriculture (USDA) Seamless Summer Option (SSO) for the entirety of the 2021-22 school year. This means that our school provides *free* meals to all students! This program provides additional support and flexibility for our district to continue serving meals to children while maintaining safety measures and managing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Included in the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic are nationwide supply chain and product availability shortages. Disruptions are due to a lack of availability of raw ingredients and labor to produce, unload, and transfer food products. Some food and/or beverage products normally provided to students may not be available or arrive as scheduled. Due to unforeseen circumstances, last-minute menu changes and product substitutions may occur. Be assured meals will remain balanced, healthy, and plentiful. We ask for patience and understanding as we do our best to meet the needs of your children.

Menus and nutritional information are always posted on our website at www.bacards.org under Quick Links on the home page.

Please contact me with any questions at 507-334-3948 or email me at jtrnka@bacards.org.

Sincerely,

Julie Trnka
Food Service Director
Head Cook
Bethlehem Academy

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