



NEWS FLASH !!!!!

MEAL MAGIC STUDENT ACCOUNTING SYSTEM COMES TO "THE GALLEY" AT HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

DEAR PARENT AND GUARDIANS:

We are pleased to announce that The Galley will begin using Meal Magic, our new student meal account system on Wednesday, November 4, 2009. Designed like a debit system, it eliminates the need for students to carry cash to school. It allows you to deposit money to a student account for use on any day, eliminating the morning hassle of lunch money. It is simple, convenient and designed to improve our services to you and your student.

WHAT WILL THE MEAL MAGIC SYSTEM DO?

- Eliminates paper rosters at the registers which will improve the speed of the lunch line, in time
- Protect the identity and privacy of students receiving meal benefits
- Debit accounts can eliminate cash in line – Highly recommend that you send in prepayment which will help your student and the lines move faster (see table below)

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?

- Meal Magic creates a 4 or 5 digit identification number for your High School Student. This ID number provides access to your student's meal account and should be kept confidential. On Wednesday, November 4th, your student's teacher will have your child's name and ID # for them to place in their school planner until they have memorized it. This identification number will remain the same until graduation.
- Deposits may be sent to school at anytime. We recommend sending a check made payable to "Anchor Bay Schools – Food Service" in an envelope including your student's name. On-line payments may be purchased for a fee at www.cafe.prepay.com

HOW WILL STUDENT RECEIVE MEALS?

- Students will go through the cafeteria line, select their meals and proceed to the cashier.
- At the cashier, students will enter their Student ID #. The cashier will debit the meal if they have credit on their account or collect cash from the student. No charges are allowed.
- Students receiving free or reduce-price meals will use the same procedure. The screen will not indicate which students are free or reduced-price, so privacy is assured.

| Prepayment Table – You may send in any dollar amount (this is just an example) | | |
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| Full Paid Meals | 10 lunches @ 2.25 = | 22.50 |
| | 10 breakfasts @ 1.00 = | <u>10.00</u> |
| | Total: | <u>32.50</u> |
| Reduced Paid Meals | 20 lunches @ .40 = | 8.00 |
| | 20 breakfasts @ .30 = | <u>6.00</u> |
| | Total: | <u>14.00</u> |

Charlene Pizzimenti, Food Service Director Please phone with any questions at 586 598 7663. Thank You.

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding MealMagic

Starting November 4th, Anchor Bay High School will be using MealMagic as our food service point of sale program.

Here are some questions that parents frequently want answered.

1. How do I deposit money into my child's account?

Money for deposit can be sent in the form of a check, cash or through an online credit card payment. Students may turn in their payment to the cashier at their cafeteria either before school or at lunchtime.

2. When can I send money in?

Funds for deposit can be sent in any day. If paying by check, please make sure the child's full name is written on the check in the memo area to ensure deposit in the correct account. Checks should be made out to: "Anchor Bay Schools Food Service."

3. Is the money in my student's account just for lunch?

No. Anchor Bay High School offers breakfast and lunch and students can use their money on account for any meal or ala carte items offered.

4. Is there a way for me to look at my student's account online?

Parents can go to LunchDeposit.com and register for an online account for their student. Parents can then view the child's meal history as well as keep track of the account balance. There is no charge for this service.

5. How do I obtain my student's ID number?

All High School Students will be given their ID number during 3rd hour on November 4th. Students should memorize the number and keep it confidential.

6. How do I pay by credit card?

There is a fee for this service at www.cafeprepay.com. Please note there will be a new provider when all schools in the district install Meal Magic.

Thank you for your support. If you have any additional questions, please contact me at cpizzimenti@abs.misd.net or by phoning the Food Service Office at 586 598 7663.

***Charlene Pizzimenti**
Food Service Director*



HIGH SCHOOL - THE GALLEY

Anchor Bay High School provides a computerized debit lunch program called Meal Magic. This program allows parents to pre-pay for all snacks and meals, increasing accountability for you and speed of service for our students. The High School lunch price is \$2.25 and includes the main entrée, hot or cold vegetable, fruit or juice, assorted breads, choice of white or chocolate milk. A wide range of a la carte items are available including salads, pizza, sandwiches, fresh baked cookies, snacks, beverages, hot soup and ice cream products.

In order to provide a more enjoyable lunchtime for all students, please help your child by following the policies listed below.

- Deposit funds into your child's account by sending in a check made out to "Anchor Bay Schools Food Service". A \$25.00 initial deposit is suggested and must include your student's first and last name.
- Payments can be sent in at anytime. They are turned over to the lunch program cashier for deposit into each student's account.
- When a \$7.00 balance is reached, students will be reminded to deposit additional funds into their lunch account. If no funds are available in the account, students must use cash. No student will be allowed to charge.
- A \$10.00 fee will be added to any check returned for insufficient funds.
- Anchor Bay Schools participates in the National Free and Reduced price lunch program. Applications for free/reduced meals are available:
 - a. complete application online at www.lunchapp.com
 - b. download from website anchorbay.misd.net/departments/foodservice/docs/application.pdf
 - c. available in your child's school officeFamilies currently utilizing this program must reapply every year for each child.
- You can have instant access to your children's account histories online and the optional ability to make credit card deposits using a secure internet connection. To create a free online account, go to www.LunchDeposit.com and click on the sign-up link. Once your information has been verified you will receive an email with a password and instructions on using the system for meal histories. Credit card deposits are not available from this website at this time.

The MealMagic lunch system, when used properly, makes lunch service faster for all students. Please call the Food Service Department with any questions concerning the school lunch program at 586-598-7663.