

Cafeteria Guidelines

Please refer to Page 9 and 18 in the Parent/Student Handbook for rules related to use of the facility.

Students are to be in uniform while in the lunchroom. This means that only uniform items may be worn in the lunch room, shirts should remain tucked in and hats are not to be worn. Students may put on outside coats and hats as they leave the building. However, hats and coats should come off once students re-enter the doors from outside.

These following rules were developed from a proposal from the Student Council and Class of 2007 in spring, 2007.

Microwave Rules

Thanks to the parish's Women's Council and Student Council, our cafeteria has two new microwaves.

- Due to supervision schedules, only students in grade 3 and up will be able to use the microwaves at this time.
- Students may not use the microwave in the kitchen.
- Students may not microwave anything over 3 minutes.
- No borrowing containers from the cafeteria as they melt. Students should bring all materials from home. Containers left in the cafeteria will be taken to Lost and Found but removed at the end of the week.
- Containers may not contain metal or Styrofoam.
- If food explodes or spills over, then that person has to clean it immediately. If clean up takes the lunch period, then the student may eat their lunch in the cafeteria during recess. No food can be taken outside the cafeteria.
- Only students heating up food should stand in the microwave line.
- Every class will have a "microwave" cleaner in addition to table and floor cleaners.

Stop Light Rules

- Students should remain seated and talk quietly. The Stop Light will flash "yellow" as a warning. Students should lower their voices and hold up fingers to remind classmates of their level of voice. "Shushing" or yelling only increases the noise level.
- The level of sensitivity will be increased with four classes in the lunchroom.
- If a light goes to "red", then the buzzer will sound. All students in the cafeteria must remain quiet until the light turns "green." If you need something during this time, go directly to a lunch supervisor. Do not ask your neighbor. Silent gestures are not allowed.
- Students entering and leaving the lunch room are responsible for their noise level as well. If the light was at green when students entered the lunchroom but then turns to yellow and then red, the classes who were seated while the light was green will not be held responsible.

- Students waiting in line may talk quietly. They must talk quietly in order to not contribute to the noise related to the stop light. Students who break the rules while in line will have to sit at the round table until the teacher comes to pick up the class. Examples of rule violations are running, swinging a lunchbox or touching other students.
- Individuals talking during the silent time will be removed to a round table for 15 minutes. If a student continues to talk at the round table, an additional 15 minutes will be added. This may go into a student's recess depending on when the student breaks the rule.
- Classes that receive two "red" lights during their lunch period will have silent lunch for the remainder of their time.
- If a student or class earns more than 4 "red" lights in one week, they will be referred to the principal who will talk with the parents. Repeat offenses may result in a conduct referral.
- **Classes that do not receive a "red" light all week will receive extra recess. Classes that have no "red" lights in four weeks will receive and out of uniform pass. Different rewards may be determined by the Homeroom teacher or principal.**

8th Grade Outside Privileges

- As a leadership privilege, 8th graders will be allowed to eat outside at the picnic tables. This time and area is for eating only. No playing ball or horseplay in this area.
- Students are expected to remain in this section. Students may go in and out of the cafeteria but must check in with the lunch supervisor before leaving the cafeteria or the outside area.
- Students who have cleaning duty must still come in to clean tables even if they did not eat inside.
- Students choosing to eat inside must follow the cafeteria rules.
- Students are expected to self monitor their behavior and to not disturb classes. If a report comes to the Homeroom teacher or principal about disruption or a violation in the outside area, students using that area will lose their outside lunch privilege for the next school day. Examples of disruption are yelling, playing ball, and running around.
- If an individual student self-reports a violation or disruption, then the consequence will only go to that student. If a student does not self report and individuals responsible for the negative behavior cannot be identified by classmates, then the consequence will go to the students using the area that day.
- If a student or group of students disrupts a class more than once, at the second offense, the student/group loses their privilege for the remainder of the semester. A third offense will result in a conduct referral and the loss of the privilege for the year.
- Students are to remain in uniform until they are outside. Once back inside, students must be back in uniform.
- The area must be cleaned up each day. Any litter left in the area will be considered a violation and will result in consequences stated above.
- The principal, lunch supervisor and Homeroom teacher reserve the right to suspend this privilege for students and the class due to weather, safety or conduct.