

## **Apply Online for Meal Benefits**

All students may apply to receive free or reduced price meals through the Child Nutrition Program

Previously, a paper application was sent home on the first day of school to all families and online applications were accepted. The online process has proven to be faster and more accurate.

We will continue to provide paper applications for parents without access to computers. **Please note that the amount of paper applications is limited.** You can request a paper application by contacting your school or [abain@archbalt.org](mailto:abain@archbalt.org)

## **Registering for a Meal Account**

### **Parent Benefits**

- Access the system 24/7 via the Internet
- Make payments via credit cards, debit cards
- Receive low balance email reminders
- Auto-pay means never having to think about money on account
- Receive confirmation of payments via email
- View or monitor purchases made in the cafeteria
- Review purchase history throughout the year

### **Student Benefits**

- Pre-payments means faster serving lines with more time to eat
- No longer have to worry about lost or forgotten lunch money
- Online meal benefit applications are fast, easy and determined within a few days

## **Applying for Free or Reduced-Price Meals Online**

- Sign into your PowerSchool account. PowerSchool sign in information can be obtained from your school office.
- Once you are signed into PowerSchool - Click on “foodservice” or the “knife/fork icon”

- Follow the prompts to sign in/register for a food service account. If you had a foodservice account last year the sign in information is the same.
- Once you register your meal account: you can fill out the meal benefit application electronically or print a copy to complete and return to your school and you can set up automatic payments or pay as needed online.