

Food For Thought



@ Saint Joseph- Saint Thomas School
50 Maguire Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10309
Tel. 718-305-1832

Dear Parents,

Food For Thought, your child's food cafeteria service, would like to thank you for your support and participation during the 2015/2016 school year. We are very eager to begin providing the food service for the upcoming year. We also look forward to welcoming and serving all the students in the new school year.

Food For Thought now offers MySchoolBucks, a convenient online service that allows you to securely pay for your student's meals online using your credit/debit card or electronic check.

The best part of this system is that each student now has an account set up. This is a debit account, not a credit account. This means that money is deposited into your child's account and then it can be used to purchase food. Each student has a customized card with a unique bar code. At mealtime, the cashier scans the card allowing for the transaction to take place, debiting from your child's account. As long as there are sufficient funds in the account the amount of the purchase will automatically be deducted. If there are insufficient funds, Food for Thought will extend a \$4.75 credit, leaving a negative balance in the account. **We ask, if this does occur to please have the account up to date the following day to avoid any further negative balances.**

What are the benefits of having this system?

- You know what is being purchased with your money. (Only cafeteria food can be purchased using the card) Cash cannot be taken out of the account.
- You can pay by cash, check or credit card on the MySchoolBucks.Com website. You don't have to worry about forgetting to give your child lunch money or worry about the money being misplaced.
- Since less cash is handled, there will be quicker lunch lines.

How do you get started?

It's easy. Your child already has an account set up. On September 14, 2014, Food for Thought Express debit cards will be distributed during homeroom. Once all accounts are updated with the proper funds, the cards will then be ready to be used.

Prepayment using cash or check (Please make all checks payable to **Food for Thought**) will be accepted in the cafeteria Monday thru Friday from 9:00 am till 11:30 am. Prepayments can also be made online using debit or credit cards at MySchoolBucks.Com anytime. For every credit card transaction made on the MySchoolBucks web site, a \$1.95 transaction fee will be applied. *Please allow 24 hours for updating all accounts.*

Prepayment checks can be mailed to: Food for Thought
Attn: Cafeteria
Saint Joseph – Saint Thomas
50 Maguire Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10309

Please allow enough time for account to be updated.

How it works?

Once your child has made their selection of food, they then proceed to the cashier where their card will be scanned and money will be automatically deducted from their account. Our cashiers will have the ability to notify your child when their balance is getting low. This makes every mealtime at school for your child stress free.

If you have any question or concerns please feel free to contact any of our reliable staff that can assist you at 718-305-1832 or call the school and ask to speak with someone in the cafeteria.

Thank you in advance for a great school year!



MySchoolBucks provides:

- **Convenience** - Available **24/7 on the web** or with the **Mobile App** for your iPhone, Android or Windows phone!
- **Efficiency** - Make payments for all your students, even if they attend different schools within the district. Eliminate the need for your students to take money to school.
- **Control** - Set low balance alerts, view account activity, recurring/automatic payments & more!
- **Flexibility** - Make payments using credit/debit cards and electronic checks.
- **Security** – MySchoolBucks adheres to the highest security standards, including PCI and CISP.

Enrollment is easy!

1. Go to www.MySchoolBucks.com and register for a free account.
2. You will receive a confirmation email with a link to activate your account.
3. Add your students using their school name and student ID.
4. Make a payment to your students' accounts with your credit/debit card or electronic check.
A program fee may apply. You will have the opportunity to review any fees and cancel if you choose, before you are charged.

If you have any questions, contact MySchoolBucks directly:

- parentsupport@myschoolbucks.com
- 1-855-832-5226
- Visit myschoolbucks.com and click on Help/FAQ's