

Dear Students and Families,

Welcome to the 2021-22 School Year! The Chimacum Food Service Staff is happy to welcome students back to our cafeterias! We have some new staff members and new equipment to help achieve our goal of expanding our use of locally grown food, grown by farmers in this amazing valley. There are greenhouses and garden classes at Chimacum Schools to expand the knowledge students of what is grown in this area. We are excited about cooking and serving some new and different menu items this year. We also look forward to hearing from students and their families about some of the changes.

For the safety of our students and the Chimacum community, our meal service is more plated “grab ‘n go” this year, giving the students the flexibility of eating outside when the weather is nice.

International and national supply chain issues have impacted everyone--food service as well. Although we post menus each month, menu items may change due to shortages. We will always have nutritious, healthy food for the students at school. As you can imagine, the food service staff has learned to be flexible during the last year and half of COVID! Thank you for your patience in advance for the changes to menus!

And here is some wonderful news: **ALL STUDENTS EAT FOR FREE THIS YEAR!** All students enrolled in Chimacum School District can receive breakfast and lunch each school day at no charge during the 2021-22 school year, thanks to USDA extended funding. Your child can grab a breakfast smoothie and a blueberry muffin for breakfast (blueberries from the CJSHS garden and local farms) before class so they are ready to learn and enjoy the day.

It is still important to fill out the free and reduce application for your student. The application results may lower sport, yearbook and other fees.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe school year!

Margaret Garrett

Director of Food Service

And the Food Service Team