



School-Specific Procedures

Lunch Hour Routines

We encourage all students who are able to go home for lunch to do so. It is our belief that all students who can go home for lunch should do so. By leaving the school at lunch time, students get a break from school and a chance to enjoy hot meals in less crowded surroundings. Students who are unable to go home for lunch will be accommodated at SJAM. Students will eat in assigned classrooms, with supervision provided by lunch hour supervisors. 20 minutes of the lunch hour is spent in the classrooms and 40 minutes is outside (weather permitting).

Please be aware that our school does not have the facilities to heat food or provide utensils. As well, we require all students who bring a packed lunch to bring a “boomerang lunch” – all containers, garbage, and leftover food must be brought home in your child’s lunch bag. In doing so, we hope to reduce the amount of waste generated, encourage the use of recyclable and reusable containers, and also provide parents with information about how much food is being eaten by their children at school.

Due to life threatening allergies, peanut butter and all foods that contain, “may contain” peanuts, nuts, peanut and nut by-products, are not permitted. In some classrooms we also do not permit shellfish, seafood, soya, sesame, and other allergens. Classroom teachers will provide specific directions related to specific considerations in each class.

Students who stay at school for lunch are expected to:

- Follow all school rules and expectations at all times
- Show respect for the lunch hour supervisors, other staff, students, and the classroom in general
- Remain in the classroom unless given permission, or directed to leave the room, by a lunch hour supervisor

Please be aware that any student who fails to follow the rules and expectations of the lunch hour program may have their privileges suspended.

Students who remain at school during the lunch hour are not permitted to leave the school grounds for any reason unless they bring a written note from their parent/guardian on the day that they will be absent.