

MILK PROGRAM

2009-2010 ANNUAL ORDER FORM

Milk is served at lunch-time only. Annual milk orders are due in the office on the first day of school – Tuesday, September 1, 2009 for grades K-8 and September 8th for eligible Preschool students – those that stay in After Care with Mrs. Nealy.

Milk orders will be distributed **this one time only**. You may, however, sign your child up at any point in the year and payment will be calculated accordingly. If your child wants to change his/her milk flavor you must send a note into the office and we will adjust the milk count as soon as possible.

Total annual cost for milk is \$14.00 based on one carton per day for the 169 days that milk is served. The actual cost of a carton of milk is .26 cents per carton. Your cost is just 8 cents per carton because we participate in the State of CT Special Milk subsidy program. You must order a full year in advance. This will be your only notice.

Note: Qualifying families may receive free milk for their children. See “Free Milk” flyer for details.

MILK ORDER: 2% White Milk or Lowfat Chocolate Milk

(Please select **flavor** and indicate in the space provided how many cartons per day per child)

CHILD'S NAME (FIRST & LAST)	GRADE	HOMEROOM	CIRCLE FLAVOR CHOC/WHITE	DAILY QUANTITY
_____	_____	_____	CHOC or 2% WHITE <i>circle one flavor only</i>	_____
_____	_____	_____	CHOC or 2% WHITE <i>circle one flavor only</i>	_____
_____	_____	_____	CHOC or 2% WHITE <i>circle one flavor only</i>	_____
_____	_____	_____	CHOC or 2% WHITE <i>circle one flavor only</i>	_____

TOTAL CARTONS DAILY:

Annual Cost	X	Total # Cartons Daily	=	Total Amount Due & Enclosed	Checks must be made payable to St. James School. Thank you.
\$14.00		↑		\$	

PLEASE FILL-OUT AND RETURN TO SCHOOL WITH PAYMENT BY FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL OR PRESCHOOL ORIENTATION DAY – NO LATER THAN

Did You Indicate Desired Flavor for EACH Child?

FREE MILK BENEFIT

St. James School participates in a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Special Milk Program, which is administered by the CT State Dept. of Education, Office of Child Nutrition. This program encourages milk consumption by subsidizing the cost of milk served on a daily basis to the children – substantially lowering your cost for a pint of milk.

Please note that families, whose income levels qualify as per the State of Connecticut income guidelines, are eligible to receive free milk on a daily basis, which the school will provide at its own cost. The basic outline of qualifications that the state mandates is posted below for your reference. We will honor these guidelines and the school will pay for any student's milk whose family meets the criteria. If you are interested in more information or to receive the free milk benefit, please contact the school office, 375-5994 or stop by to speak to the staff.

NOTE: All requests to participate in this benefit will be kept confidential. We will not share your name or personal information with any agency or entity at all. Thank you.

How do I qualify my child for the Special Milk Program? THE MOST CURRENT SET OF CRITERIA ARE POSTED FOR PUBLIC VIEW ON OUR WEBSITE AT: www.stjamesstratford.org/documents/public_release. Below are guidelines for obtaining free milk. You can get benefits in one of two ways. You must either complete the free and reduced price school meal/milk application and return it to the school, or bring in a letter from the Department of Social Services. If your total household income is the same or below the amount on the Free Income Chart (at right), your child may get free milk. Your child can get free milk if you get food stamps, or Temporary Family Assistance (TFA). The Department of Social Services may provide you with a letter that will automatically qualify your child for free milk. This letter must be brought to school, and can be substituted for completion of this application.

Households getting food stamps, or TFA: You only have to include your child's name, case number and an adult household member must sign the application.

Households receiving medical benefits only: You have to include the names of all household members, the amount of income each person received last month and where the income came from. An adult household member must sign the application and include his or her social security number.

Other households: If you DO NOT have a case number, you have to include the names of all household members, the amount of income each person received last month and where the income came from. An adult household member must sign the application and include his or her social security number.

Households with a foster child: You must include the child's name, the amount of personal use income the child received last month and an adult must sign the application. **Note:** *Subsidized adoptions and subsidized guardianships require the calculation of all household income plus the adoption/guardianship subsidy.*

If I get WIC can my child(ren) get free milk? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free milk. Please fill out an application.

May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen? Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be a U.S. citizen to qualify for free milk.

We are in the military; do we include our housing allowance as income? If your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do **not** include your housing allowance as income. All other allowances must be included in your gross income.

FREE INCOME CHART FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2009-2010				
Number in Family	Annual Gross Income	Monthly Gross Income	Every Two Weeks Gross Income	Weekly Gross Income
1	14,079	1,174	542	271
2	18,941	1,579	729	365
3	23,803	1,984	916	458
4	28,665	2,389	1,103	552
5	33,527	2,794	1,290	645
6	38,389	3,200	1,477	739
7	43,251	3,605	1,664	832
8	48,113	4,010	1,851	926
Each Add'l Family Member	+ 4,862	+ 406	+ 187	+ 94

Will information on my application be kept confidential? We will use the information on your application to decide if your child should get free milk. We may inform officials connected with Title I and the National Assessment of Educational Progress whether your child is eligible for free milk. They will use this information for funding and/or evaluation purposes. Information may also be disclosed if you want the application to be used to get other benefits.

Can I apply for free milk later? You may apply for free milk anytime during the school year. If you are not eligible now but have a change, such as a decrease in household income, an increase in household size, become unemployed or get food stamps or TFA, then you can choose to complete an application.

Can I get other benefits such as health insurance for my child? Your child may be eligible for a health insurance program (called HUSKY) for children. Please contact the office for details.

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