

Bergen Catholic Cafeteria

August 25, 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians:

My name is Gerard Morano, and I am the food service director for Bergen Catholic High School. On behalf of myself and our dedicated team, we would like to welcome all new and returning students to what we hope will be a successful, fulfilling school year.

For over 35 years I and my incredible staff work hard to create a special cafeteria experience for the students at Bergen Catholic. We take pride in knowing that the products we serve represent a cut above the normal High School fare.

The following pages contain useful information for those who wish to purchase lunch including menu options, pricing, payment options and cafeteria protocol. **Please read in its entirety.**

We strive to make your students' cafeteria experience an enjoyable part of his day, and we hope you will take advantage of what we have to offer.

Thank you for your support and may we live Jesus in our hearts forever.

Gerard Morano

Café Morano

Food Service Director

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Contact Information

The preferred method of communication is email as the school requires a permanent record of all inquiries. Please call only in the case of emergencies or items that need immediate attention. All cafeteria issues and disputes must be addressed in writing first. Without written documentation I cannot properly address any issues.

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School ext. 105 Cell 732-859-5820 Please text only

Cafeteria Payment

Daily Cash purchases: You may provide your student with cash to make daily purchases in the cafeteria. By using Cash daily to purchase food and beverage items your student will bypass the POS charging system. He will not need to scan his ID; the transaction is like any routine food service cash purchase. Daily cash purchases are the best way to exercise budgetary control over your student.

Point of Sale System (POS) Charge System (Preloaded school ID)

The cafeteria uses a POS system as the primary source for recording sales and making payments. Students scan their school issued Bergen Catholic photo ID to access an account created using their power school ID number and information. **Funds must be preloaded to the account using one of the following methods:**

Online Portal

Bergen Catholic uses the online school funding platform Payschools Central . To create an account, load funds, view activity and balance information please visit www.payschoolscentral.com **Parents must create an account using your students 4-digit power school identification number, and Bergen Catholic as the District when creating the account.**

If you use the PaySchools Portal to load funds they will be automatically downloaded to your student's cafeteria account within 24 hours. If you are having issues creating an account, please email me at the above contact info.

Please note that there is a fee charged by the third-party provider PaySchools for all payments made using the portal.

Even if you choose not to use the portal to load funds it is a useful tool to track balances and daily activity.

Other Methods to fund the POS account

Cash or Check Cash or a check made payable to **Café Morano** can be presented to any cashier during school hours. Funds provided this way will be available immediately. There is no transaction fee for using this method.

Zelle Payment This year you may also Zelle a payment to jmorano@bergencatholic.org there is no service fee charge for using this service. **If the Zelle bank account does not contain a name that matches that of your student, we cannot properly credit the account. Please provide student information, name and ID number in the identification section of the payment info.**

Venmo Venmo payment to @BC-Cafeteria, please provide the following: full name of student and BC cafeteria in explanation section. The transaction fee charged by Venmo will apply. Currently 1.75%.

General Information

Allergies Bergen Catholic Cafeteria does not use peanuts, or tree nut products in the daily preparation of our food items.

There are some prepackaged items, such as power bars that may contain peanut butter. These items are clearly marked and separate from line service and are at a grab and go section near the cashier.

Gluten Free Items and meatless items are available daily.

Parents and Students may make special menu requests via email to jmorano@bergencatholic.org . These items will be prepared specially and be ready during your student's lunch. **This option is only available to students with**

very special dietary needs. If the need can be met with items offered on our regular menu the student will be directed to use that option. If there is concern about menu ingredients, please express that concern via email and be specific as to the underlying menu item and allergy. We make every effort to accommodate all of our student concerns.

Charging

Students that forget lunch or who do not have funds to purchase lunch are provided lunch as a courtesy. Providing lunch does not imply that lunch is available daily for free. Bergen Catholic operates an honor system regarding credit. Parents and guardians are responsible for all purchases and debts incurred in the cafeteria. Situations do occur concerning charges to negative accounts. Students taking advantage of the system do not absolve the debt owed. If your student is misusing his account, please contact the cafeteria so that we may help rectify the issue immediately.

Negative accounts

Students actively using the POS account system for payment receive a generous credit line to allow for the ease of account refunding, and to avoid account shutdown at the point of sale if the account should periodically go negative.

As a matter of policy this year the cafeteria will require cash sales only, should an account become seriously delinquent for payment.

NOTICES FOR PAYMENT WILL BE SENT TO THE EMAIL ON FILE WITH THE POWERSCHOOL SYSTEM. ONCE MULTIPLE NOTICES TO ALL SCORCES AVAILABLE HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN, FOOD SALES MAY BE DENIED WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE.

LARGE OUTSTANDING BALANCES WILL BE REFERED TO THE BUSINESS OFFICE FOR PAYMENT. This now can result in suspension from all extra activities including sports, until all debts or arrangements for payment has been made.

Improper Access

Accessing the account of another student without the parents expressed permission is considered misuse of an account's funds. Bullying a student to purchase on his account is prohibited. These are extremely serious matters and will result in suspension and financial restitution of the effected account. It may also result in suspension from all cafeteria services for a period as determined by myself and the school administration.

Failing to pay for items in the cafeteria, hiding items in back packs, or pockets, eating items online to avoid payment is considered stealing and will be punished accordingly. Please see the handbook for all regulations regarding student behavior.

Camaras are present recording all areas of the cafeteria for the purpose of student safety first, and behavior observance second.

Bullying of any kind will not be tolerated, this includes cutting the line to bypass other students.

Please refer to the student handbook for all issues related to proper behavior and procedures. Violations of student conduct will be delt with on a case-by-case basis. A warning once or even twice does not imply a change in policy, it means your student got a break he may not get again.

The most important statement of this letter!

The overwhelming majority of the student population is a pleasure to work with, and we enjoy our interactions. We get to know your students and care for them in many ways. We are here to create a stress-reduced environment for the students for the time they are with us each day. We view our role as nurturing not policing. However, the latter is sometimes needed to reach our objective. Your student's safety is our number one concern.