

Shaler Area School District

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Dear Shaler Area families,

Last week we announced the district's plan to continue virtual instruction through the month of December and winter break. As a reminder, Wednesday, Dec. 23, will remain an early dismissal day and our anticipated return to hybrid instruction is Monday, Jan. 4, for Cohort A and Thursday, Jan. 7, for Cohort B. Due to the ever-changing nature of the pandemic, this timeline is subject to change. We continue to encourage our students and families to adhere to the state's updated mitigation strategies so that we are able to return to hybrid instruction in January.

Finally, please note that the following changes to the free food service program for the coming weeks.

Three pick-up locations

The grab-n-go breakfast and lunch program will continue to provide free meals for students while the district is in the 100% virtual model at three pick-up locations.

- Shaler Area High School (main entrance at the front of the building) from 11 a.m. to noon
- Emmanuel Lutheran Church, in Etna, from 11 a.m. to noon
- **NEW location:** North Hills Community Outreach, 416 Lincoln Ave., in Millvale, (at the dock entrance off of the parking lot) from 11 a.m. to noon

(The pick-up location at Christ Lutheran Church will be discontinued, effective Dec. 14, due to lack of participation.)

Evening pick-up option

The Nutrition Group is piloting an evening pick-up option from 5-6 p.m. Shaler Area High School (main entrance at the front of the building) on two dates only:

- Monday, Dec. 14
- Wednesday, Dec. 16

Holiday Schedule

For the winter break, there will be two bulk distributions. Both orders must be received by Friday, Dec. 18, using the food service google form. Pick up dates will be:

- Wednesday, Dec. 23 (7-day meal package)
- Wednesday, Dec. 30 (5-day meal package)

To participate in this program, complete the [Google Form](#) on Friday for the following week's meals. Meals will be provided Monday through Friday unless otherwise noted. Saturday and Sunday's meals will be provided on Friday. For any questions, please contact Sue Cook, Food Service Director, at shaler@thenutritiongroup.biz or 412-492-1200 ext. 1582.

We hope that you will continue to take advantage of the free services and resources available to you during this time and reach out to the district if you have any concerns.

Sincerely,

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