

October 7, 2015

Dear Parent or Guardian of a St. Mary Catholic School Student:

I am pleased to let you know that we will be implementing a new system that will expedite lunchtime lines in our school cafeterias and eliminate issues with students using each other's personal identification numbers (PINs). This new account recognition system uses each student's finger and its image to uniquely identify him or her. The program does not store the students' fingerprints. Rather, it creates a mathematical representation of the finger, which is then transformed by an algorithm to create an authorization code. Students simply place their finger on the reader and indicate their lunch preference, and their lunch choices are recorded to their personal accounts. Each student will have his or her enrollment information updated as part of implementing this improved process.

Benefits to students will include having more time to enjoy their lunches rather than waiting in a long line, and not having to remember a PIN. In addition, it will facilitate more accurate recording of account activity and parents will be able to continue with the current and familiar method of adding funds to each student's account.

The account recognition system will be piloted at St. Gabriel beginning on Monday, October 12. St. Mary Elementary will begin on October 19, St. Margaret Mary on October 26, SMCMS on November 2, and SMCHS on November 16. Each principal will notify his or her school community when their launch date is approaching.

This system has been used successfully for years in the Berlin School District, and is being implemented by other Catholic schools in northeastern Wisconsin. Current users report positive feedback from the schools, students and parents alike.

If you have questions, please contact me at [920-967-0107](tel:920-967-0107) or lgraves@smcatholicschools.org.

Sincerely,



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