



2024/2025 PAC Hot Lunches are now OPEN for October!

### Important Information!

Ordering for the October 9<sup>th</sup> Hot Lunch will be **CLOSING** at *noon on Saturday October 5th*.

For all following weeks, ordering for each Wednesday will **CLOSE** on the Friday before at noon. For example, ordering for the Wednesday October 16<sup>th</sup> Hot Lunch will **CLOSE** at noon on Friday October 11<sup>th</sup> and then follow the same for every week after.

Monthly sessions will open around the Saturday before the last Hot Lunch day of each month. For example, all October Hot Lunches will be fully closed on Friday October 25, and the November session will open around October 26.

Each weekly lunch session will remain open until that Friday before. So it is possible to order for all the monthly dates at once, or order week to week (just remember each close date!)

Hot lunch dates, openings and closings (and other info/events) will also be noted in the [ARE PAC Google Calendar](#).

Ordering has hard close dates as the vendors need to be advised several days in advance.

PAC Hot lunches will be almost every Wednesday throughout the school year. Hot lunches rely on parent volunteers to organize and distribute the orders to the classrooms, shopping for various menu items and managing the Munchalunch online program.

If you are able to volunteer for any aspect of the Hot Lunch, please email [arepacsd42@gmail.com](mailto:arepacsd42@gmail.com). **If we do not have enough volunteers, the hot lunch program will not be able to continue.** If you have not already done so, please submit the [ARE Volunteer Form](#) as required by the District and provide it directly to the school office.

For Hot Lunch days specifically, we need a couple of volunteers each Tuesday before to pre-sort out the class bins with the non-perishables. Wednesdays, volunteers are needed to sort the vendor deliveries and distribute the bins to the classes from about 11:15 to noon and to collect the bins back and any cleanup that usually goes til about 12:30. Please see the [Hot Lunch Volunteer signup Genius!](#)

Each week there are various menu options to choose from based on the availability of the vendors. Currently these include: **Domino's Pizza, Boston Pizza, Subway** and coming soon in the next couple of weeks .. the **Garibaldi Secondary School Teaching Kitchen!** We are just working on a menu with the GSS chef, and those items will be added to munchalunch when they are confirmed.

While we sometimes get extra items from some food vendors, to keep costs down, we do not order extras of any menu item from the food vendors.

## [Munchalunch](#)

We use a program called MunchaLunch, which allows online ordering for things such as Hot Lunches, School Events and other community initiatives. Munchalunch requires registration but is free. If you are not able to access online, printed forms can be made available on request.

For parents/staff new to the school or who have not previously registered:

<http://www.munchalunch.com/schools/AlexanderRobinson>

For returning parents/staff:

<https://munchalunch.com/login>

If there are any financial challenges to ordering a hot lunch for your child(ren), please contact the school.

Teachers and staff are **NOT** responsible for the accuracy of any orders or for your child's Hot Lunch if they are absent that day. If you have any questions about your orders or need any assistance, please contact us on the [ARE PAC Facebook](#) group and/or email [arepacsd42@gmail.com](mailto:arepacsd42@gmail.com).

The [ARE Parent CHAT Facebook](#) group is not always monitored by Hot Lunch volunteers and posts can be easily missed.

Information about the PAC can be found in the [ARE PAC September School Newsletter](#).

The next EVENT to use Munchalunch will be "Spookfest" the ARE Halloween Dance on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Tickets, food, drinks and snacks will be available for pre-order. If you do not pre-order, there may be a limited number of options available. Further details on this will come out in the next week or so and we will put out a notice when that event is live for ordering.