# Dalma School Newsletter

A monthly newsletter for the parents of Palma

#### **FEBRUARY 2023**



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#### Be powerful. Be a Chieftain.













### schedule highlights

Catholic Schools Week - Jan 29-Feb 4

#### Monday, February 6

5:30pm Athletic Council Meeting in CSC

#### **Wednesday, February 8**

8:30am Red Day Schedule

### Thursday, February 9

9:15am Gold Day Schedule

#### Saturday, February 11

4:30pm Palma Hall of Fame Reception in BDH

#### Saturday, February 11

5:30pm Palma Athletic's Crab Feed in the Gym

#### Tuesday, February 14-Saturday, February 18

Southern California College Trip

#### Wednesday, February 15

Mid-Quarter Progress Reports Emailed

#### Thursday, February 16-Monday, February 20

Winter Break — No Classes

#### **Monday, February 20**

Presidents' Day — SCHOOL CLOSED

#### Wednesday, February 22

8:30am Ash Wednesday Masses Periods 1-3

#### **Monday, February 27**

6:30pm Parents' Club Meeting in CSC



From the Principal

I thank you for your commitment to Palma. I am grateful for your many contributions to the legacy of Catholic Schools. Dear People of Palma,

The nation is currently celebrating Catholic Schools Week from January 29 through February 4, 2023. And while every day is Catholic Schools day in our schools, I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you who make Palma a hallowed place.

I thank you **STUDENTS!** You cherish the Chieftain brotherhood. You mentor and challenge one another; you protect and defend one another. You are judged by a higher standard, and you so often champion that higher standard. You compete with one another against those who misperceive the blessings of our Palma Family, and you drive one another to compete for achievement. I marvel at your tender empathy for one another, as I have found precious little, if any, evidence of cliques or unhealthy social exclusions among our student body. You collect food, clothes and more for the poor and the marginalized; you build homes and shape futures for but a few of our neighbors living south of our American border. And you do so much more.

I want to thank you **PARENTS!** You serve on the Parents' Club, Athletic Council, fundraising events, student activities, end-of-year celebrations, committees and associations, all to better the lives of our young men here at Palma. A number of you volunteer *everywhere*. You invest in your son's education. You see him through his hours behind the wheel towards his driver's license; you spend many moments late in the evening praying and hoping for his safe return. You relish the sweet drama of his every victory in competition, and you are there to console him where loss brings him agony. You never cease to show your son your love for him, especially when he resists and even — God forbid — when he resents it! And you do so much more.

I want to thank you **TEACHERS** and **STAFF!** You are among the hardest working personnel with whom I have ever been privileged to serve in education. You devote hours of your personal time to your students and the school. You work together to enhance a curriculum that is already superior to many other schools. You are indispensable to our school's mission and success. You moderate student activities and supervise students. You support our students and their interests. You help students with individual needs; you make each student feel special. You take care of injuries. You support students when they are feeling sad or overwhelmed. You help and support one another as we celebrate genuine community here. You are counselors, mentors, role models, motivators, coaches, disciplinarians, healers, and hope for tomorrow's leaders. And you are so much more.

Teaching is a vocation that requires tremendous patience and courage. Every one of us teaches on a daily basis by what we say, what we do, and what we value. I thank you for your commitment to Palma. I am grateful for your many contributions to the legacy of Catholic Schools. *Go Chieftains!* 

Yours in Blessed Edmund Rice,

Mr. David J. Sullivan

Principal

### 2023-2024 PALMA SCHOOL ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Doctor appointments, college visits, family vacations, etc. should take place outside of school times or on school holidays — not during scheduled school days. This academic calendar is provided to assist families with vacation schedules so as not to conflict with school attendance. All of these dates are official as of January 31, 2023.

AUGUST 2023							
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#### SPECIAL EVENTS

Th Aug 10 Attendance Mandatory: ALL Students Orientation Day

F Aug 11 First Day of Classes

M Dec 18 Fall Sem. Final Exams; Special Sched. through Dec 20

Th May 2 Founder's Day Mass & BBQ

T May 21 Spring Sem. Final Exams; Special Sched. through May 23

F May 24 Senior Baccalaureate Mass at Madonna Del Sasso

F May 24 Junior High Graduation in the Gym

Su May 26 Senior High Graduation at Rabobank Stadium

#### NO CLASSES DAYS

M Nov 20 Thanksgiving Week Vacation (through Nov. 24)

Th Dec 21 Exam Correction Day

F Dec 22 Christmas Vacation (through Jan. 5, 2024)

Th Feb 15 Winter Break (through Feb. 19)

W Mar 13 St. Patrick's Luncheon

F Mar 29 Easter Vacation (through Apr. 5)

F May 3 Founder's Day

#### SCHOOL CLOSED

M Sep 4 Labor Day

Th Nov 23 Thanksgiving (through Nov. 24)

M Dec 25 Christmas

M Jan 1 New Years Day

M Jan 15 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

M Feb 19 Presidents Day

F Mar 29 Good Friday

M May 27 Memorial Day

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### **HONOR ROLL: FALL SEMESTER 2022-2023**

Congratulations to those students with a GPA of 3.2 and above for earning a place on the first semester honor roll. Students whose semester GPA is from 3.2 to 3.49 have earned second honors, and those with a 3.5 and above have earned first honors, with those earning a 4.0 or above designated as such. These students were presented with certificates of recognition at a ceremony on January 31 in the Steve Clayton Memorial Gym.

#### **GRADE 6**

#### 4.0+ First Honors

Jack Alioto Aidan Delucchi Corey Garcia Drew Laurie Simon Charles Magana Liam McGee Evan Mendelsohn Michael Richert Stephen Souza

#### **First Honors**

Brayden Brown Clayton Buzzell Joah Criscuolo Andrew Holtz Thomas Madrid Isaiah Martinez Lucas Merritt Trey Nunes Matthew Rodriguez Joel Santiago Finnegan Tovar Ernest Varela Martin Vetter Henry White

#### **Second Honors**

Joaquim Butron Henry Cordoba Nehemiah Cruz Vincenzo Hayes Gregory Jensen **Andinn Martens** Miguel Meza Sean Murray Elijah Suarez

#### **GRADE 7**

#### 4.0+ First Honors

Justin Bhardwai Carson Bolding Gabriel Colon Ashton Marshall Thomas Mazzei Owen Mazzuca Joseph Mollner Graham Neff Quinton Piña Griffin Ripley Matheo Sanchez **Jack Witting** 

#### First Honors

Joaquin Avelar-Moreno Colton Brown Braedon Cagle Sebastian Casillas Jonah Corpus Luke De Oliveira Francis Devine Cole Flickner Frank Gallegos Gabriel Garcia Timothy Gin Cristian Gonzalez Blake Herod Colton Hodges Mason Holaday Nhat Le Jonah Martinez Isaiah Serrano Diego Sullivan Jameson Szaszy Anthony Tringali Christian Zielinski

#### **Second Honors**

Nathan Barajas-Orozco Andrei Caceres Joseph Lauderdale Jacob Martinez Jacob Perez Dakota Phelps Justin Veliz Ric Watkins

#### **GRADE 8**

#### 4.0+ First Honors

Ethan Moncada Kevin Ng Gabriel Arturo Perez Bernardo Phillips Davis Pisoni Roberto Rios Dominic Silva Alexiz Velasquez

#### **First Honors**

Shane Aquilar Bryce Amaral Chase Amaral Daniel Borghezan-Rubio Marco Crivello Patrick Driscoll Daniel Fanucchi Jaden Galimba Aiden Garcia Brandon Hamlet Jackson Harris Marco Hernandez Bolin Hinkle Bearitt Langmann Maximilian Lomboy Lorenzo Mercado

Leo Myaskovsky Ian Negron Bugarin Wyatt Nunes Michael Ochoa **Shane Sanders** Sebastian Silva Calix Velarde Efrain Venegas Joshua Ward

#### **Second Honors**

Blake Blowers Caleb Bobadilla Keanu Fiege Cristofer Gage Isaak Hernandez Nicholas Lopez Isaac Ramos Christopher Ushakoff

#### **GRADE 9**

Dylan Chung

Keith Ewart

#### 4.0+ First Honors

Benjamin James John Michael Manalang Christopher Ng Francis Perez Charles Platt Sebastiann Ponce Jeremy Ramirez Eduardo Saavedra Luke Secondo Andrew Sosic Taylor Swan Tristan Thoeni Anthony Vasquez Aiden Veliz

Heinrich Vetter Joseph Viarengo

#### **First Honors**

Johanne Ajoc Matthew Alioto Jose Avelar-Moreno Wyatt Bakker Ryan Flores Eric Garcia Osbaldo Godoy Miles Holaday Zachary Lee Damien Lopez-Regalado Matthew Miranda Zachary Nixon Zenon Paden Quintin Ruelas Brayden Sargenti Gabriel Serrano Samuel Strachan Cruz Tovar

#### **Second Honors**

Reuben Trejo-Desmond

Job Barroso-Robles Ethan Cameron Aiden Contreras Joseph DeFonzo David Garcia Bryce Gokey Joseph Harreld Amar Lopez Cesar Mercado Brandon Muñoz-Marrujo Keoni Pato-Guardado **Daniel Witting** Zayah Wright

### **HONOR ROLL: FALL SEMESTER 2022-2023**

continued

#### **GRADE 10**

#### 4.0+ First Honors

Benjamin Alcantara **Boston Collins** Benjamin Dalton Liam Hamilton Lukas Hell Isidro Hernandez Ivan Hu Jered Kallenberger Mark Macias Sebastian Mazariegos Eric McKay Lucas Milburn Jose Montes Dan Nino Ayden Perez Nicolas Pezzini Kianno Philpot Montano Isaiah Rangel Jeremy Regalado

Xavier Reinhardt

Enrique Saavedra

Maxwell Sanchez

Garrett Schoeder

Elias Siegel

Griffin Stoffel

Lucas Umbarger

Aidan Williams

Sebastian Sanchez

#### **First Honors**

**Brady Amaral** Noah Cabanas-Granados Johnny Carnazzo Luis Chavez Hernandez James Hinkle Aaron Pacheco Daniel Pedersen Aaron Rubio Luke Ruelas Dean Silacci Gibson Stoffel Adrian Valadez Phillip Velasquez Jaskaran Walia

#### **Second Honors**

Cayden Acosta Dominic Chaidez Matthew Garcia-Galindo Alan Gonzalez Christian Ramirez Skyler Reyes-Espinola Soren Roberts Gerard Tershy Jordan Wilkins

#### **GRADE 11**

#### 4.0+ First Honors

Nicholas Bengard Aaron Braasch Felix Cameron Tyler Cina Roberto De León Thomas Ducker Nathan Garcia Anmol Ghuman

Isaac Kelly Johannes Landis Gavin Lanini Jaideep Nahal Thomas Nunes Gabriel Ovando Caleb Romero Jaden Soliz-Kincaid Nicolas Veliz IV Timothy Youssef

#### **First Honors**

Keoni Bennett Evan Bobadilla Brandon Chrisman Nicholas Dominguez Dylan Jaynes Ian Jury Luka Kawamoto Noa Kawamoto Mark Lester **Christopher Martinez** Gavin Martinez Gabriel Melchor Drew Molinari Edgar Padia-Noriega Tobias Perkowski Ryder Ritchie Jacob Segura Timothy Slater Esteban Sotelo Diego Villarreal

#### **Second Honors**

Joel Zaragoza

Hunter Acosta William Azua III Dylan Calabro

Luke Garner Ethan Gonzalez Rvan Guerra Rolando Infante Kai Kawamoto Steven McCarty Gianni Ponce **Axel Reves** Leonardo Santana Brandon Sierra

#### **GRADE 12**

#### 4.0+ First Honors

Kyle Abendano-Real Marc Asuncion Pierce Balestrieri Henry Brown Blake Butler **Uriel Chavez** Caleb Chung Matthew Cortez Henry Cremers Elias Farotte-Kruchas Aidan Freeman Logan Guerini **David Hodges** Matthew Iverson Adan Magaña Carl Nielsen

Suyesh Niraula

**Tatum Sanders** 

Anthony Secondo

Logan Umbarger

Brendan Watson

**Daniel Westing** 

#### **First Honors** Alexander Aldisert

Joseph Andrade Francisco Barragan Cooper Bonessa Kevin Chen Salvatore Cina **Bradley Collins** Jhovanni Cruz-Chavez Jose Escutia Robert Galli Anthony Giammanco Ivan Karl Hora Carson McPherson Luke Moran-Murphy Sebastián Núñez Noah Olszanowski Francisco Rojas Giovanni Santamaria Owen Sargenti Benjamin Scattini Sebastien Trinidad Quentin Williams

#### **Second Honors**

Andrew Camacho James Conners Matthew Fugua Gursewak Ghuman Gabriel Herbst Zechariah Hernandez Matthew Houck David Hu Jayden Kim Sergio Regino Parreno Lucas Putich Hector Rojas-Rodriguez Evan Russo Joseph Silacci Carson Wicker



## Chieftain Athletics

Mr. Rob Bishopx229bishop@palmaschool.org

Go Chieftains!

High school spring sports began on January 31st and sign-ups are currently underway. If you would like to play a high school spring sport, use the link below to begin the process.

#### SIGN UP FOR SPRING SPORTS

#### Junior high spring sports

Junior high spring sports include golf, tennis, track & field and wrestling, and are open to students in sixth, seventh and eighth grades. Practices will begin on February 21st. Use the button above to sign up for a Junior high spring sport today.

#### Volunteers are wanted

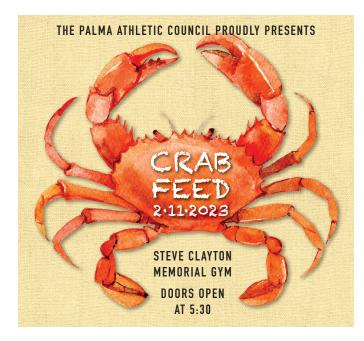
To host successful spring sports events, **we need your help!** Please visit the athletics page on our website at https://palmaschool.com/athletics for more information on volunteering at our events. There is something for everyone to help support your Chieftain athletics programs.

#### Palma School Athletics App

contains schedules, rosters and updated scores. It is part of the "gochieftains" website. You find the app at Apple and android app stores.



GET YOUR OFFICIAL PALMA GEAR HERE



#### Come to the Crab Feed on February 11

Palma Athletics' annual crab feed is Saturday, February 11th at 5:30pm. There will be all-you-can-eat succulent crab, live music, and live and silent auctions featuring apparel packages, sports tickets and more. Enjoy a fun night out with friends in the Palma community. Tickets are only \$75 and are available to purchase on the Crab Feed website (below). While you are on the site, you can preview auction items and even start your bidding in the silent auction. Grab your tickets today!

#### PALMA ATHLETICS' CRAB FEED WEBSITE

For all of your daily athletic updates please follow



me on twitter at @Coach\_Rbishop. I tweet upcoming game times for all sports each week as well as results and other fun information regarding Palma Athletics.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR Annual Golf Tournament is Friday, April 28, 2023



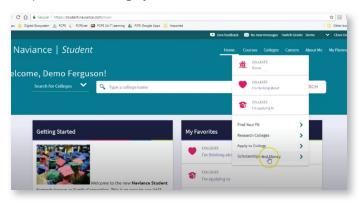
## Guidance Department

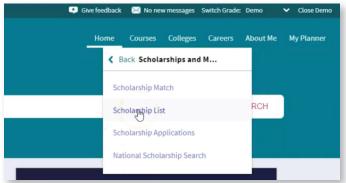
*Ms. Irina Short, Chair* x242 short@palmaschool.org

## Time to look toward college

#### Seniors use Naviance to find scholarships

Throughout the school year, the Palma Guidance Office receives information on a variety of scholarships. Some are offered to students nationwide, but many are offered by local organizations. We post these scholarship opportunities in Naviance. You can find this listing under the "My Favorites" section on the home page. Click on Scholarships & Money. Click on the expand button on the left-hand side. Check out the "National Scholarship Search" link. This will connect you to a national scholarship search engine sponsored by Sallie Mae Corporation. We urge you to use these tools.





#### Counselors meeting with juniors biweekly

High School Counselors have begun meeting with juniors biweekly on Tuesdays in their Theology classes. We have started the process of preparing our juniors for the college application process. Juniors were introduced to our new counseling platform called SCOIR.



#### **Essay contests = money for college**

Write your way through college! The monetary awards from essay contests sound enticing, but you're unlikely to cover all of your college expenses in this way. Some students, however, do win enough scholarship money to reduce the amount they'll need to borrow in order to attend college.

- Find those contests that are right for you. Search out appropriate ones by searching the free databases at www.fastweb.com or www.scholarships.com. Make sure your son checks his Naviance account as well. There are many scholarships listed under the scholarship tab. Although it's tempting to look only to those with large monetary awards, remember that these are also the contests that attract the most applicants. Avoid those contests that have an entry fee; you should not have to spend money to win money.
- Note details about each of the contests including: deadline dates, essay subject, and other materials that will need to be submitted.
- Develop a database of generic responses that you'll be able to use and reuse as you enter different contests.
- Review essay requirements from several contests and try to determine common themes. Write a generic essay in response to the common theme that you can then tweak to fit the requirements of each of the essay contests you enter. Be sure that your finished essay meets all of the criteria designated by that organization.
- Submit all information required in a timely manner.

# Guidance Department continued

#### D's in college prep courses just won't cut it!

Four-year colleges and universities will only accept grades of "C" or better to meet college prep course requirements for admission. If your son is planning to attend a four-year college, he must make-up any deficiencies prior to graduation. Students taking summer school courses to make-up D's and F's are reminded that passing a 5 credit course during summer school will only replace one 5 credit semester grade (not the entire year). In other words, a student failing both semesters of Algebra would need to register for (and pass) 10 credits of Algebra prior to graduation. Also, remember that colleges require that incoming freshman have completed at least two years of the same foreign language. This means that a student who completed one year of Latin and one year of Spanish has not met that requirement. The CSU and the University of CA require completion of one year

(10 credits) of a visual or performing art course prior to graduation. Palma students now have a number of options for accomplishing this requirement.

#### **Future dates**

- Southern CA College Trip Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2023
  - Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023

#### Schedule of SAT/ACT test dates for 2023

	Test Date	Register by	Late Reg. Deadline*
SAT	Mar 11	Feb 10	Feb 28
ACT	Apr 15	Mar 10	Mar 24
SAT	May 6	Apr 7	Apr 25
SAT	Jun 3	May 4	May 23
ACT	Jun 10	May 5	May 19
ACT	Jul 15	Jun 16	Jun 23

<sup>\*</sup> A late fee will be added after the "Register by" date.

# Parents' Club

PARENTS'CLUB WEB PAGE: HTTPS://PALMASCHOOL.ORG/PARENTS-CLUB/EMAIL: PARENTSCLUB@PALMASCHOOL.ORG

#### St. Patrick's Luncheon committee meeting

The committee will meet on February 1st at 6:00pm in the Cislini Conference Room. It's not too late to get involved with our biggest fundraiser of the year! We are especially looking for a few parents with food service experience, and we also have need of an advertising chairperson. Please come to the meeting or email parentsclub@palmaschool.org for more information!



#### Parent meet-up

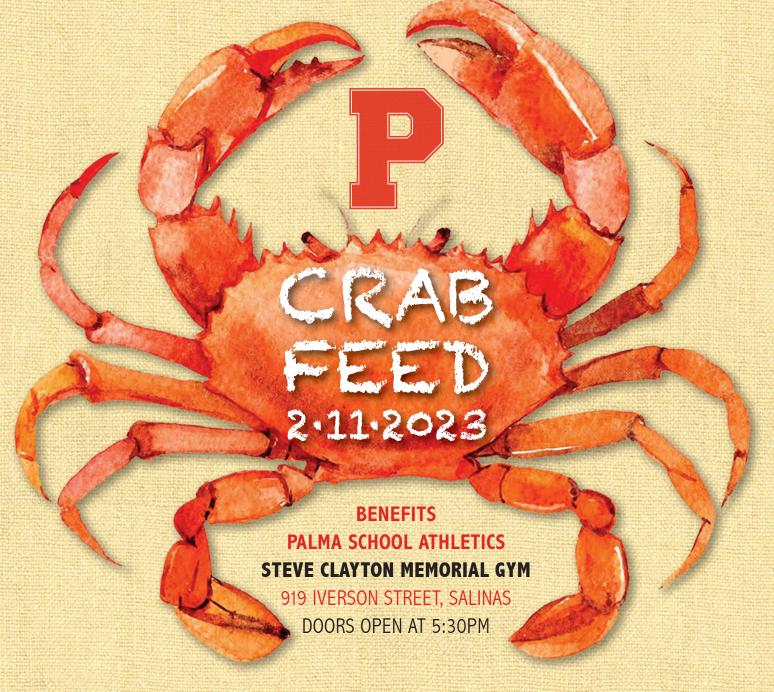
Join other Palma parents on Saturday, February 4th at Urban Wine Row for an afternoon of wine-tasting from 1:00 to 4:00pm, located at 3344 Paul Davis Drive in Marina. The cost is \$10 per person for a tasting (bring your own glass). Come meet other Palma parents and



sample some wonderful local wines. For more information contact Kate Secondo at (831) 320-9165.

The next Parents' Club meeting will be on February 27th at 6:30pm in the CSC.

### THE PALMA ATHLETIC COUNCIL PROUDLY PRESENTS



For event tickets, sponsorship opportunities and auction bidding:

CRAB FEED WEBSITE

\$75 LIVE GREAT LIVE & SILENT PERPERSON & MUSIC & FOOD & AUCTION

### **Sponsorship opportunities available**

To sponsor, donate or volunteer, please contact Rob Bishop: bishop@palmaschool.org





Saturday, March 4, 2023

Embassy Suites, Seaside

Doors open at 5:00pm for photos, raffle and socializing Dinner served at 7:00pm

Moms are asked to wear nice dresses or pants. Sons should wear slacks and a button-down shirt. Ties and tennis shoes are optional. Bright or neon clothing is recommended, but not mandatory.

**Purchase Tickets** 

Reserve a Room

Tickets: \$175 per couple and \$75 for each additional son. Rooms at the Embassy Suites in Seaside are available under "Palma Mother Son Dance"

starting at \$219. You need to reserve your Reservation deadline has been extended to February 8th to take advantage of this special rate.





## **PALMA SCHOOL LUNCH MENU**

February 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		\$8 <b>1</b>	\$8	\$8 3
		Chicken enchiladas with Mexican rice	BBQ tri tip sandwich	Bacon chicken sandwich with mayo, lettuce, tomato and Jack cheese
\$8 6	\$8 7	\$8	\$8 9	\$8 10
Teriyaki chicken wings with French fries	Chicken quesadilla with salsa	Pork chile verde with rice, beans, salsa and cheese	Buffalo wings with French fries	Chicken fried rice
\$7 <b>13</b>	\$7 <b>14</b>	\$8 15	16	17
Hot dog wrapped in bacon	Pepperoni pizza	Teriyaki chicken wings with French fries	WINTER BREAK	— NO CLASSES
20	\$8 21	22	\$8 23	24
PRESIDENTS DAY SCHOOL CLOSED	Beef quesadilla with Salsa	ТВА	Spaghetti with meat sauce and garlic bread	ТВА
\$8 <b>27</b>	\$8 <b>28</b>			
BBQ tri tip sandwich	Hot turkey and bacon sandwich with mayo, lettuce, tomato and cheese			

<b>Daily Breakfast</b>		Daily Lunch		Beverages, Sides & Treats	
Breakfast Burrito egg, cheese & sausage or chorizo	\$6	Hamburger	\$7	Bottled Water	\$1
Breakfast Sandwich	\$6	Cheeseburger	\$8	La Croix	\$1
egg, cheese, ham, tomato on sourdoug		French Fries	\$2	Gatorade, Vitamin Water, etc	. \$2
French Toast	\$6	T 1 0.51 5 1 1 1	<b>4 7</b>	cl.:	4.1
Pancakes (2)	\$5	Turkey & Cheese Sandwich	\$7	Chips	\$1
Muffin or Pastry	\$2	Ham & Cheese Sandwich	\$7	Cookie	\$1
Grilled Bagel with cream cheese	\$2	All sandwiches served with lettuce, tomato and onion		Muffin, Bread, Pastry	\$2

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We accept cash, debit/credit cards, Apple Pay and Google Pay

Rechargeable lunch cards will be available soon.