

## CONVENIENCE MATCHES QUALITY WITH CASHLESS DINING AT VILLAGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

**Register your student today!**

CulinArt, our new school dining service provider, is pleased to announce the introduction of **cashless dining at Village Christian Schools**. Keeping our school dining programs in tune with the emergent needs of students and families, we are excited to offer our students the **convenience of a declining balance system** for all café purchases.

The declining balance system offers today's students and families both **ease of use and ease of mind**. With the cashless system, students can make **café purchases in a fraction of the time** it takes to pay with cash, and **parents know when and how their money is being spent**.

The system is **also a convenient budgeting tool** for busy families. For example, if your child typically spends \$5.00 on his/her school meal(s) each day, you can apply \$100.00 at the beginning of the month and rest assured that your child is eating right every day for the next twenty school days. Families are afforded the confidence that students are **spending dollars on quality, nutritional food choices**, with recipes and production techniques supported by CulinArt's **on-staff registered dietitian**.

As with any traditional debit card program, purchases can be made as long as there is a sufficient balance in the account to cover the transaction. Students type in their PIN numbers at café check-out stations. The total dollar amount of each transaction is automatically deducted, clearly displaying the new account balance.

Following are detailed instructions on how to register your child(ren) for the cashless system. We look forward to a healthy and exciting school year!

*CulinArt*  
MANAGED DINING SERVICES

## **TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD, PLEASE FOLLOW THE STEPS BELOW:**

1. Go to <http://www.mykidsspending.com>. Click on the button labeled **Create Account**. Enter in the required fields (your email address, your first name, your last name, and your phone number). Next enter the required fields for the student: (Village Christian, the Students ID Number, the student's first name, and the student's last name.) Then click on **Register This Account**. You will have to repeat this step for each participating child in your family. Once finished, click the button labeled **Complete Registration**
2. You will then receive an e-mail response with your User I.D. and Password. It is important that you keep this information as it will be your permanent User I.D. and Password to access your account.
3. Once you have your User I.D. and Password, log onto [www.mykidsspending.com](http://www.mykidsspending.com).
4. Enter your User I.D. and Password and follow the prompts to make deposits. Note that while you can deposit funds into your child's account at any time, the minimum deposit at any time is \$50.00 (per student). You may pay by Visa, MasterCard, Electronic check or pay by check, made payable to CulinArt of California, Inc and mailed to Culinart Bistro, 8930 Village Ave, Sun Valley, CA 91352. Attention Food Service Director. Please note that there is a 4% convenience fee for each transaction if using Visa, MasterCard. If you use an electronic check in lieu of a credit card, there will be a 1% convenience fee and \$0.75 transaction fee.
5. Each participating student is issued a Dining Services PIN Number, to which their deposits are applied, and from which your child can make daily purchases in the school's café, for breakfast, lunch and snacks.  
  
*Grades Jr. K – 5 is a set price for a meal in the café and will be charged accordingly to their PIN number. Grades 6 - 12 will use their PIN numbers temporarily until permanent ID cards are created and distributed. At that time they will have the ability to swipe their ID Card at the register. They will be charged according to what they purchase.*
6. If you wish to change your email and/or password at any time, you may do so by selecting the link on the MyKidsSpending.com home page.
7. Participating families may review their account balances online at anytime. (Detailed statements will be available upon request.)
8. At the end of the year, balances will be rolled over to the next school year.
9. For registration technical support, please contact Duane Benton, Technical Support, at [Bistro@villagechristian.org](mailto:Bistro@villagechristian.org) or [DBenton@CulinartInc.com](mailto:DBenton@CulinartInc.com)