Dear Parents,

This [*month*/year] Chartwells is introducing a **NEW and CONVENIENT** way to purchase food at the school cafeteria with our ***Zipthru*** **Reloadable Card.** Just like any gift card, money is loaded on a card and every time a purchase is made it is subtracted from the balance remaining on the card. The online function of this program provides convenience for the parent to purchase, reload and monitor balance and spending. There is also the ability to set up an account to protect the balance on the card if lost or stolen.

**Cards can be purchased directly at your school’s cafeteria** or online by following these steps:

**4 STEP PURCHASING PROCESS:**

**STEP ONE**: **Buy** an e-certificate online at [zipthru-card.ca](http://www.zipthru-card.ca) using a credit card or debit. When purchase is made online an e-mail will be sent immediately to your e-mail address with an e-Certificate.

**STEP TWO:** **Print** **and present** the e-Certificate to the cashier at the cafeteria and the balance will be transferred to a Zipthru reloadable card.

**STEP THREE:** Visit [zipthru-card.ca](http://www.zipthru-card.ca) and **Create an Account** using the number from the card your child was issued at the cafeteria (step 2). Creating an account provides the benefit of protecting the balance, once reported online, and allows you to easily reload and track spending online.

**IMPORTANT Security Step**

**STEP FOUR:** **Purchase using your card.** Each time the card is used to make a purchase, the amount of the purchase is deducted from the balance on the card. The balance is printed at the bottom of each receipt.

**STEPS TO USE “MY ACCOUNT” FEATURE**

**STEP ONE**: Visit [zipthru-card.ca](http://www.zipthru-card.ca) , once you have your physical card.

Click on “Create an Account” and use the number located on the ***Zipthru*** **Card**.

**STEP TWO:** After you have created an account you can visit the [zipthru-card.ca](https://wwws.givex.com/cws/compassgroup/consumer/main/home.py) site at any time by entering the “My Account” feature. With an account you can **reload a new balance on the current card instantly!**

**Card Protection** If the card is **lost or stolen**, visit [zipthru-card.ca](https://wwws.givex.com/cws/compassgroup/consumer/main/home.py) and go to “My Account” and put a hold on the balance. The system will notify our head-office and we will notify the Chartwells Supervisor to issue a new card with the remaining balance. A follow up e-mail to the account holder will communicate next steps. There is no charge for the first two replacements of a card during a school year, due to loss or damages, however a $5 administration fee may be charged for each subsequent replacement.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email zipthru.support@compass-canada.com.

We hope that you enjoy our new service! 