

# **NORTH SHORE WEEKLY**

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## **No need for kids to go hungry this summer**

**City's Summer Meals program is open for business at 7 North Shore schools**

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STATEN ISLAND, NY -- NORTH SHORE -- Summer is often the hungriest time of year for low-income children, who do not receive the free or subsidized meals they would normally receive during the school year.

Summer Meals are free to all children under 19, and will be served at participating Island schools until Aug. 29.

The New York City Coalition Against Hunger and the city's Summer Meals program has created online maps to chart the soup kitchens and food pantries that serve the city's growing population of hungry kids.

Breakfast is served from 8 to 9:15 a.m., with lunch from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

The Summer Meals Program is funded by the federal government and run by the city Department of Education. "It is vital to note that kids can get free meals just by showing up. Their parents don't need to bring any paperwork or even sign anything," said Joel Berg, executive director of the New York City Coalition Against Hunger. "Given our current food prices crises, every bit of free food that struggling families can access for their children helps."

Summer Meals are free to children regardless of income, citizenship status, residency, or public school enrollment.

The map is online at [www.nyccah.org/maps/schoolfood/](http://www.nyccah.org/maps/schoolfood/).

Summer Meals are available on the North Shore at:

\* PS 44, 80 Maple Parkway, Mariners Harbor.

- \* PS 22 extension, 1860 Forest Ave., Graniteville.
- \* PS 18, 221 Broadway, West Brighton.
- \* Morris Intermediate School, 445 Castleton Ave., Brighton Heights.
- \* PS 31, 55 Layton Ave., New Brighton.
- \* Curtis High School, 105 Hamilton Ave., St. George.
- \* Dreyfus Intermediate School, 101 Warren St., Stapleton.

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