

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am excited to tell you about a new technology that we are going to use in the lunch program at Seminole High School beginning in late September 2009. We have been selected to be the next school in Seminole County to use finger scans to identify students' lunch account numbers. Schools currently using this system have had great success. The system provides account security, speed, and accuracy. This new system uses Biometrics- a technology that uses physical traits as a means of recognition. Students will get their lunch, swipe their finger and be on their way. You may have seen Biometric systems in use at Central Florida's leading theme parks, or at the airport or even on the newest computer laptops. It is definitely the wave of the future.

The process is simple, safe and easy to use by all staff and students. Finger scans are used to match each student with an account number. Student information is safe and protected since **actual fingerprints or images of their fingerprints are not kept on file**. If you wish to opt out of having your child participate in the Biometrics program, just give our cafeteria manager a call. But we hope that you allow your child to participate because we found out by using Biometrics that this program speeds up the lines in the cafeteria and helps with lunch account accuracy. This system also eliminates the possibility of your child's account being used by someone else. We also found we save valuable minutes each day, giving us time that is redirected towards teaching and learning.

It is a great opportunity for Seminole High School to become a technology leader in the school district.

If you would like to opt-out or have any questions, please contact Waleska Alicea, Food Services Manager, at 407-320-5052.

Sincerely,

Mike Gaudreau
Principal