

Noon Hour Programs FAQ – Fall 2016

What are Noon Hour Programs?

Tennyson noon hour programs are offered between 12:25pm and 12:55pm after students have eaten their lunch. There are fees associated with the programs (please contact the principal if you require a bursary). This lunch program offers an opportunity for students to explore an array of courses from arts and crafts to music, science, dance, sports, and clubs.

Class options change each term and courses are taught by experienced and paid instructors. Students get an opportunity to try niche courses that can sometimes be hard to find ... all in the convenience of the school setting.

How do I register for the Noon Hour Program?

Registration is done through the Munchalunch website, just like the Hot Lunch ordering, using your same Hot Lunch account info. You can find a link for Munchalunch on the bottom left of the Tennyson homepage (beside the class descriptions). You will need to know your child's division to update your account ... please make sure it is correct.

Once you log into Munchalunch, click on the yellow "Fundraising" tab to find the Noon Hour offerings.

If you are new Munchalunch user, take a few minutes before registration starts to set up your user information.

Registration was supposed to open five minutes ago, why does it still say it's closed? Why can't I log onto Munchalunch to register?

The Noon Hour Programs are so popular that many folks try to register the moment we flip the switch in Munchalunch. Last term the Munchalunch server got bogged down in the early minutes of registration.

Remember you may need to reload your webpage around the time that registration goes live so that you can see the button change to 'open.' We hope that registration will go smoothly this term, but please be patient if you experience a slight delay. The Tennyson website may say "closed" even though the registration is open (it is a different volunteer who updates the website).

Does the Noon Hour Program raise funds for the PAC?

The Noon Hour Program is not a fundraiser. The PAC operates Noon Hour Programs for student enrichment on a not-for-profit basis. The program is made possible thanks to support from parent

volunteers and the Tennyson Administration. The fees go towards paying the instructors, material costs and fees.

How do I pay?

You can use the online options, PayPal or credit card. Or, write a cheque payable to Lord Tennyson PAC and include the order number on it. Place your cheque in the drop-off slot labeled “Noon Hour Programs” outside the school office.

Can I get a receipt for tax purposes?

Some classes qualify for BC Children's Fitness or Arts Tax Credits. Print your receipts when you order so you have them on file for tax time. See www.cra-arc.gc.ca/fitness/ for more info.

Why aren't there as many classes as last year?

Enrollment at Lord Tennyson has grown. This year there is an additional division, and the music room is now a full-time classroom. We've worked closely with the school administrators to find new locations for noon hour programs and we've tried to maintain as much variety as possible.

The class my child wanted is full. Do you have a waitlist?

Yes, we have a waitlist. Email NoonHourPrograms@lordtennyson.ca with the class name and your child's name and division. We put names on the waitlist in the order we get them. If space opens in the class we will contact you to find out if you still want the spot.

Why aren't there any options for kindergarteners?

Adding a noon hour activity to a kindergartener's day can be really challenging in the fall when they are still figuring how to navigate a school day. We hope to have some options for kindergarten kids later in the year. Stay tuned for details in the winter and spring sessions.

My child missed class. Can someone help him get to his activity?

Unfortunately, we don't have the resources in place to make sure individual children get to their activity. But starting this term, we're looking for parent volunteers to be at school at lunch time to support the students and instructors for the Noon Hour Programs. Interested in helping out? Email us at noonhourprograms@lordtennyson.ca for details.

Can I get a refund?

No refunds will be issued after the first week of classes.

Does the noon hour program need more volunteers?

Yes! We are looking for the following:

- One volunteer to help process invoices from the instructors.
- Several volunteers to come into the school at lunch time to help answer questions, support instructors and help kids get to their activities.

Email NoonHourPrograms@lordtennyson.ca for more details or to sign up.