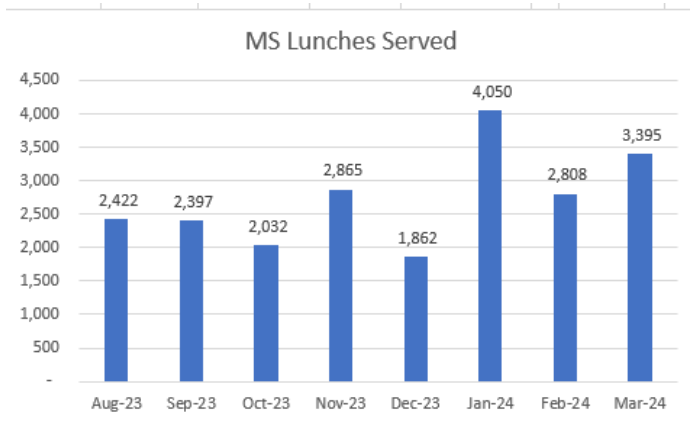
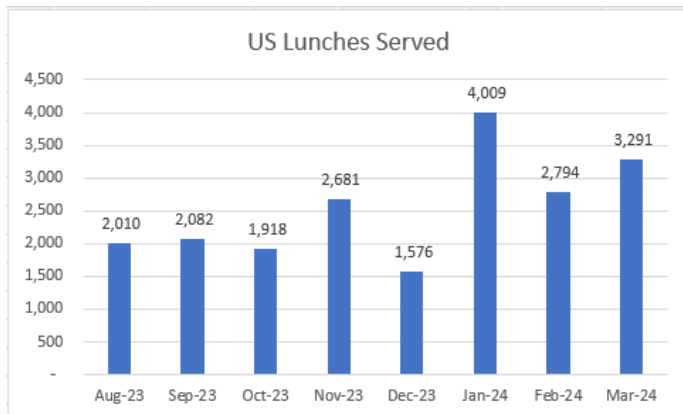


Dear MWA Community,

MWA Meal Service began the 2023-2024 school year with a new vendor who was selected based on feedback from staff and students in Spring 2023. Unfortunately, we received many concerns from the MWA community about the changes, specifically the portion sizes and quality of meals provided. In response to the feedback, in October MWA worked closely with our vendor, Chefables, to make changes to the menu and implement other strategies to improve the taste and appearance of the meals and increase awareness among students of daily food options. Many of these changes were directly informed by the feedback collected directly from students, ASB, and staff.

Since November **we have seen a steady increase in the number of meals served overall. Lunch is the most popular meal served;** here you will see the number of lunches served monthly in Upper School and in Middle School. Special Note: in December and February we had school breaks (2 weeks and 1 week respectively) and therefore less meals served.



***In past years, MWA has typically had about 10% food waste monthly, our goal was to get back to 10% or less.*** Our Food Services team analyzes food ordered weekly against what was served / is popular. By focusing on ordering more popular items, we have achieved our goal to have 10% or less food waste. ***In March food waste overall was just 8%, a significant improvement from 33% in October, and an indicator that students are eating more!***

For those eagerly anticipating the salad bar, it will be piloted in the Upper School in May to determine if we will have this as an option next school year. Thank you all for your continued feedback.