

POSITIVE REVIEWS FOR FLIK

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In previous years when students entered the cafeteria, they saw a variety of foods: fried chicken, gooey brownies, cheesy pizza, and even ice cream. This year brings more options, of which most are healthier.

“Our multi-year contract with Valley expired at the end of last year, and we sought proposals from Valley and other vendors,” Associate Head of School Kevin Lewis said. “We had all the students and faculty participate in a survey about their impressions of the food service and formed a committee to help select the best opportunity for our community. That committee selected Flik.”

SA students have high expectations for the new food service, Flik. Nationally acknowledged for their healthy food choices, Flik offers their nutritious food options to St. Andrew’s. The change from Valley Foods to Flik brings a variety of nutritious foods, which includes healthier versions of old favorites like brownies, chips, and fried foods from previous years.

“The food is really good quality; it’s real, and there are a lot of new options,” Freshman Hollidae Robinson said.

In a survey of SA students, over 67 percent of the respondents in the Upper School are satisfied with the food choices, and the SA community rated Flik with a four out of five satisfaction rating based on their overall service.

“While there are growing pains with any new relationship, the overall feedback that I have received from students, parents and faculty has been extremely positive,” Lewis said. “The demand for the food has increased dramatically this year.”

Many of the students already have opinions of the new change in cafeteria food. The general selection has changed due to the removal of carbonated drinks and fast foods Valley used to have. Although these new foods allow students to eat healthier, some of the students want their junk food back. In the responses, the students asked for “sodas, burgers, dessert, and fries,” and others asked for “fried chicken and pizza.”

“My favorite features are that the food is pretty good and a lot more healthy, but the worst features are that the lines are too long, [there are] not a lot of options, and sometimes [the food is] too healthy,” Sophomore Anna Douglas Almand said.

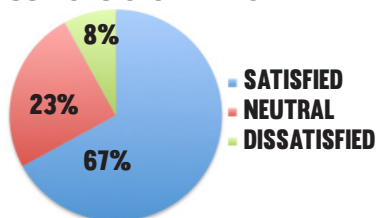
Although many have praised the new food service, others also complain about the timeliness of Flik, the choices for food, and the prices.

“The food is better quality, but the serving sizes are not as big, and you don’t have a lot of free choices for the food,” Junior Gus Carrol said. “There are really three choices and then a sandwich bar, whereas the Valley had a lot more options.”

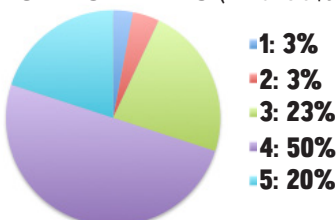
Around 80 percent of students were dissatisfied or neutral about Flik’s timeliness and around 70 percent of students dissatisfied or neutral about Flik’s pricing.

“There are good things about both [Valley and Flik], [Flik is] better health wise than Valley, but not better variety and service wise,” Sophomore Peyton Seago said.

FOOD CHOICES RATING



SERVICE RATING (1 BEING WORST, 5 BEING BEST)



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