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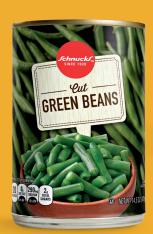
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At Schnucks, we offer over 1,000 lower prices on the things that you buy most—just look for the tags! Whether you're shopping for fresh produce, frozen meals, salty snacks or sweet treats, we guarantee that you'll be getting the best quality at a great low price.









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# start strong & save

Conquer cravings and your budget with the most important meal of the day! Not only are these breakfast foods affordable from the get-go, but thanks to their dense nutrient profile, they also keep you full longer.



#### **ROLLED OATS**

This whole grain is full of fiber for long-lasting energy. Make overnight oats to simplify your a.m. routine or take just a few minutes in the morning to prepare a hearty, warm breakfast. A bowl of oats is the perfect blank canvas for tasty toppings—sweeten it up with fresh fruit and nuts, or go savory with eggs and sautéed veggies.

#### NATURAL PEANUT BUTTER

Made with just one simple ingredient—peanuts—Schnucks Natural Peanut Butter is an affordable way to power up with extra protein. Dollop onto oatmeal, spread on a banana or schmear onto whole-wheat toast for an invigorating addition to breakfast.

#### **EGGS**

Packed with protein and a variety of vitamins like Vitamin B12 & Vitamin D, eggs are a breakfast no-brainer.
Scrambled, fried or boiled—eggs can be eaten by themselves, piled onto toast or baked with veggies for a well-balanced breakfast

#### **APPLES**

An apple a day may not really keep the doctor away, but they do boast plenty of nutritious benefits such as Vitamin C and fiber. Great for on-the-go grazing and delicious when sliced and cooked with a pinch of cinnamon, apples are an ideal companion for yogurt, oatmeal or peanut butter toast.

#### **LOW-FAT MILK**

Whether you're making a bowl of cereal, mixing up a smoothie or just pouring yourself an ice-cold glass, opt for low-fat milk in your morning meals. Loaded with calcium, protein and Vitamin D, milk has the nutrients to support healthy bones and teeth.

#### **BANANAS**

The benefits of bananas are ... well, bananas. This tasty fruit packs fiber, potassium and B-vitamins into a convenient—(and affordable) package that makes for a great grab-and-go breakfast on its own or topped with nut butter. Bananas are also delicious when sliced onto your morning cereal or toast.

#### **GREEK YOGURT**

Starting the day with yogurt will make your belly happy. Not only does it taste delicious, but it's also full of probiotics that support a healthy gut and immune system. Customize with your favorite fresh fruit for an extra boost of flavor and nutrition.

#### **AVOCADO**

An excellent source of fiber and full of healthy fats, avocados are nutritional powerhouses that provide for some truly nourishing noshing. Smash and spread onto whole-wheat toast, chop and fold into an omelet or blend into a smoothie to add some extra substance to your morning meal.

## fresh and frugal

The secret to nutritious meals on a budget? Make the most of produce during its peak season—when it's at its cheapest. Whether you're a vegetarian or just looking to add more fresh ingredients to your meals, we'll show you how to do both affordably.



#### Schnitzel with Spiced Apples

SERVES: 4

ACTIVE: 40 MIN - TOTAL: 40 MIN

Cut two apples into 8 wedges each and set aside. Using a meat mallet or rolling pin, pound four 6-oz. boneless pork chops until they are 1/4-inch thick. In a shallow dish, combine 1 cup flour, 1/2 tsp. salt and 1/2 tsp. black pepper. In another shallow dish, whisk together three large eggs. In a third dish, combine 3 cups panko breadcrumbs and ½ tsp. salt. In a large high-sided skillet, heat ½ inch Schnucks canola oil over mediumhigh heat. Coat pork in flour mixture, then eggs, then panko mixture. Working in batches (do not overcrowd), fry 6 minutes or until deep golden brown, turning once halfway

through. In a medium skillet, heat 2 tbsp. butter over medium heat. Add apple wedges, 1/2 tsp. cinnamon and 1/4 tsp. nutmeg; cook 5–6 minutes or until apples are just tender. Serve pork topped with apple mixture and, if desired, chopped fresh parsley.

PER SERVING: CAL 663, FAT 23G (8G SAT. FAT), CHOL 267MG, SODIUM 509MG, CARB 61G (5G FIBER, 11G SUGARS), PRO 50G

#### **Cider-Braised Autumn Veggies**

SERVES: 4

ACTIVE: 20 MIN - TOTAL: 1 HR

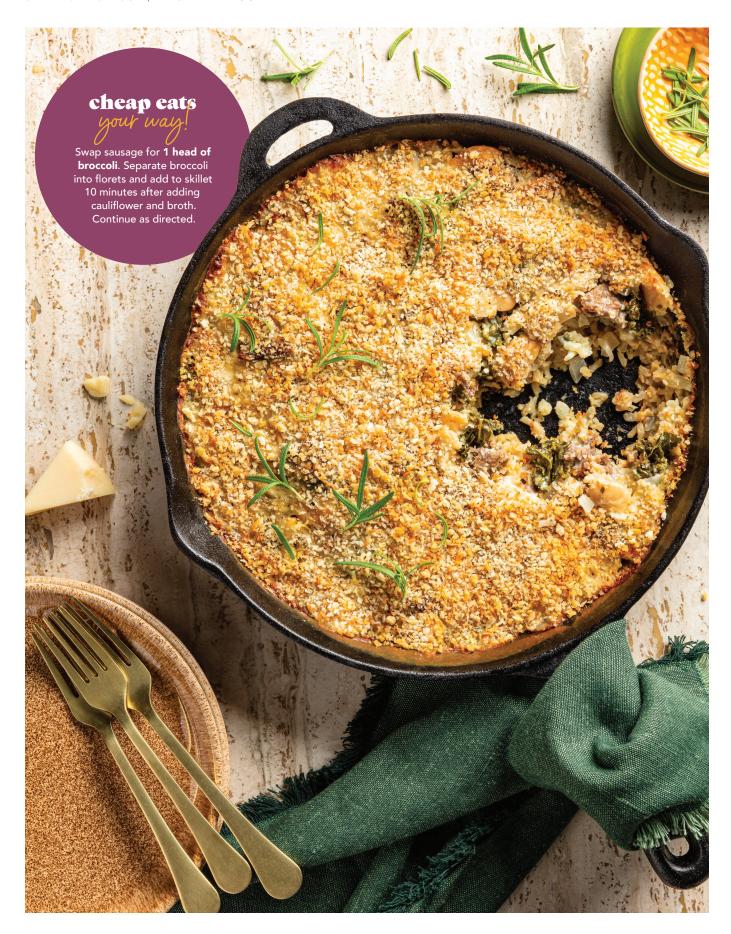
Prep ingredients: trim and halve ¾ lb. Brussels sprouts; cut one 1½-lb. head of red cabbage into 8 wedges; cut 1½ lbs. acorn squash into 8 wedges and remove seeds; coarsely chop one large onion. In a large pot, heat 2 tbsp. Schnucks olive

oil over medium-high heat. Add Brussels sprouts to pot and cook about 5 minutes or until browned, stirring once; remove with a slotted spoon and set aside. Add cabbage to pot and cook 6–8 minutes or until browned, turning once halfway through; remove and set aside. Add squash and onion to pot and cook 6–8 minutes or until browned, turning once halfway through. Return Brussels sprouts and cabbage to pot. Add 34 cup

Schnucks apple cider vinegar, ¾ cup apple cider, 3 tsp. minced garlic, 2 tsp. smoked paprika, ½ tsp. salt and ¼ tsp. crushed red pepper. Cover and simmer 20–25 minutes or until desired doneness, stirring occasionally. To serve, top with Schnucks sour cream and additional smoked paprika, if desired.

PER SERVING: CAL 373, FAT 8G (1G SAT. FAT), CHOL 0MG, SODIUM 448MG, CARB 73G (16G FIBER, 30G SUGARS), PRO 12G





#### **◄ Country Cauliflower Casserole**

**SERVES:** 6

ACTIVE: 25 MIN - TOTAL: 1 HR 25 MIN

In a large ovenproof skillet, bring 2 cups salted water to a boil. Stir in 1 cup brown rice. Reduce heat. Cover and simmer for 30 minutes. Prep ingredients: cut 1 head cauliflower into florets; chop 5 oz. kale to yield 2 cups; dice one onion. After rice has cooked for 30 minutes, add cauliflower to skillet along with 2 cups Schnucks vegetable broth and return to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, stirring occasionally, 25–30 minutes. Drain and rinse one 15-oz. can butter beans; add to skillet along with kale. Season with salt and pepper, if desired. Transfer mixture to a large bowl; cover to keep warm.

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Return skillet to stovetop and brown 1 lb. Schnucks ground sausage over medium heat. Push sausage to one side of skillet and melt 1 tbsp. butter in open area; sauté diced onion 5 minutes or until softened. Stir in 2 tsp. minced garlic and ½ tsp. dried rosemary; cook 1 minute more. Stir in 2 tbsp. flour and whisk until combined. Slowly pour in 11/2 cups milk, whisking constantly until all milk is added and there are no flour lumps. Continue to cook 1-2 minutes more or until thickened and bubbly. Return rice mixture to pan and stir to coat. Combine 1/2 cup panko breadcrumbs with 1 tbsp. melted butter and ½ tsp. dried rosemary. Toss with 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese; sprinkle over rice mixture. Bake 4-5 minutes or until golden brown and bubbling around edges.

PER SERVING: CAL 504, FAT 21G (9G SAT. FAT), CHOL 66MG, SODIUM 1005MG, CARB 53G (7G FIBER, 4G SUGARS), PRO 26G

#### Tuscan Frittata

SERVES: 6

**ACTIVE: 15 MIN - TOTAL: 45 MIN** 

Prep ingredients: slice one red bell pepper and one onion; chop 5 oz. kale to yield 2 cups. In a medium bowl, whisk together 12 eggs, ½ cup Schnucks shredded Parmesan cheese and 2 tbsp. chopped fresh basil (or 1 tsp. dried); season with salt and pepper, if desired. Preheat oven to 450 degrees. In a large high-sided ovenproof skillet, brown 1 lb. ground Italian turkey sausage over medium-high heat. Push sausage to one side of pan and heat 1 tbsp. Schnucks olive oil in open area; sauté sliced pepper and onion for 5 minutes. Stir in kale and cook 3 minutes more or until vegetables are tender. Reduce heat to mediumlow, pour egg mixture into skillet and continue to cook 6-8 minutes or until almost set, running a spatula around edge of skillet and lifting egg mixture so uncooked portion flows underneath. Transfer skillet to oven and bake 4-5 minutes or until top is set. Top with 3/4 cup tomato sauce, return to the oven and bake 3-5 minutes more or until warmed through. Let stand for 5 minutes. Slice and serve topped with additional Parmesan cheese and/or basil, if desired.

PER SERVING: CAL 357, FAT 21G (8G SAT. FAT), CHOL 419MG, SODIUM 1066MG, CARB 13G (3G FIBER, 7G SUGARS), PRO 29G





#### **Mac & Cheese with Kale Chips**

**SERVES:** 6

ACTIVE: 25 MIN - TOTAL: 40 MIN

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. On a sheet pan, toss 3 cups torn kale leaves with ½ cup panko breadcrumbs, 3 tbsp. olive oil, 1/2 tsp. salt and black pepper to taste. Roast 15-20 minutes or until crispy; set aside and preheat broiler. Meanwhile, prepare one 16-oz. package Schnucks macaroni or pasta of choice according to package. In a medium saucepan, whisk together 11/2 cups milk, 1 tbsp. flour, 1 tsp. minced garlic, 1 tsp. ground mustard, ½ tsp. salt and black pepper to taste. Cook over medium heat, stirring frequently, until bubbly and slightly thickened. Stir in 4 oz. cream cheese until smooth. Remove from heat and stir in 1 cup Schnucks shredded cheese of choice until melted. Pour cheese mixture over pasta; toss to coat and transfer to a large baking dish or ovenproof skillet. Toss 1/2 cup panko

breadcrumbs with 1 tbsp. olive oil; sprinkle over pasta mixture. Broil 3-5 minutes or until topping is golden brown-keep an eye on your food; the broiler works quick. Serve topped with crispy kale leaves.

PER SERVING: CAL 579, FAT 23G (9G SAT. FAT), CHOL 43MG, SODIUM 654MG, CARB 72G (4G FIBER, 4G SUGARS), PRO 20G

#### **Brown Butter Broccoli Steaks** with Sweet Potato Mash

SERVES: 4

ACTIVE: 25 MIN - TOTAL: 1 HR 10 MIN

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Trim stems from 2 heads of broccoli to 3 inches long, then cut heads lengthwise into ¾-inch "steaks." Brush with 1 tbsp. melted Schnucks butter and season with 1/2 tsp. salt. Arrange on a baking sheet and roast 20-25 minutes or until tender and browned, turning once. Meanwhile, peel and dice 11/2 lbs. sweet

potatoes and add to a large saucepan. Cover with salted water and bring to a boil. Cook 12-15 minutes or until tender. Drain, then add 1/3 cup milk and 2 tbsp. Schnucks butter. Mash potatoes until smooth. Stir in 1/4 cup Schnucks shredded Cheddar cheese and 1 tsp. chopped fresh sage. Season with salt and pepper, if desired, and set aside. In a small saucepan, heat 3 tbsp. Schnucks butter over medium heat until bubbly. Fry eight fresh sage leaves—two at a time—for 30-60 seconds or until crisp. Remove with a slotted spoon and set aside. Continue heating butter, stirring frequently, 3-5 minutes or until browned and fragrant. Add ¼ cup chopped walnuts; cook and stir 3 minutes more. Remove from heat and stir in 2 tbsp. balsamic vinegar. Serve potatoes topped with broccoli steaks, butter mixture and fried sage leaves.

PER SERVING: CAL 452, FAT 26G (13G SAT. FAT), CHOL 55MG, SODIUM 794MG, CARB 49G (10G FIBER, 11G SUGARS), PRO 11G





# dinner's golden goose

One Schnucks Rotisserie Chicken-made fresh in store-plus six go-to ingredients are all you need for an easy, economical entrée.



#### **Easy Chicken** Enchiladas

SERVES: 5

ACTIVE: 20 MIN - TOTAL: 1 HR

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Pour ½ cup enchilada sauce into bottom of a 3-quart rectangular baking dish. Shred meat from 1 Schnucks rotisserie chicken and add to a large bowl with 1½ cups cheese, ½ cup enchilada sauce and green chiles. Spoon a heaping quarter cup of the filling onto each tortilla and roll up. Place filled tortillas, seam-sidesdown, into prepared baking dish. Pour remaining enchilada sauce over top. Bake until heated through, 25-30 minutes. Sprinkle remaining cheese over top and bake until melted, about 5 minutes more. Let cool slightly. Serve topped with sour cream and pico de gallo.

PER SERVING: CAL 512, FAT 30G (12G SAT. FAT), CHOL 113MG, SODIUM 1871MG, CARB 35G (4G FIBER, 4G SUGARS), PRO 32G





Two 10-oz. cans Schnucks Red Enchilada Sauce, divided



One 8-oz. package Schnucks Shredded Mexican-Style Four Cheese Blend, divided



One 4-oz. can Schnucks Diced Green Chiles, drained



One package Schnucks 6-inch corn tortillas



Schnucks All **Natural Sour** Cream, to serve



Schnucks Fresh Pico de Gallo, to serve



1 tbsp. Schnucks Olive Oil



One 16-oz. package Schnucks Frozen Florentine-Style Vegetables, thawed



Two 10.5-oz cans Schnucks Condensed Cream of Chicken Soup



1/2 cup Schnucks
Buffalo Sauce,
plus more to serve



One 16-oz. package Schnucks Jumbo Biscuits (8 count)



1 cup Schnucks Shredded Cheddar Cheese, divided



#### **■** Buffalo Chicken Pot Pie

SERVES: 8

**ACTIVE: 15 MIN - TOTAL: 50 MIN** 

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In a 12-inch high-sided ovenproof skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add vegetables and sauté 5–8 minutes or until just tender. Shred meat from **1 Schnucks rotisserie chicken** and add to skillet along with condensed soup and buffalo sauce. Cook, stirring occasionally, until

mixture is hot and bubbly. Add  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup cheese and stir until melted. Separate biscuits and arrange over top of chicken mixture. Transfer skillet to oven and bake 14–18 minutes or until biscuits are golden brown. Remove from oven and sprinkle remaining cheese over top. Let cool 10 minutes. Serve with additional buffalo sauce, if desired.

PER SERVING: CAL 446, FAT 22G (7G SAT. FAT), CHOL 64MG, SODIUM 2121MG, CARB 45G (3G FIBER, 5G SUGARS), PRO 22G



One 3-oz. package ramen (any flavor)



One 14-oz. bag Dole Classic Coleslaw (or slaw of choice)



1 cup sliced green onions



3/4 cup Full Circle Asian Sesame Ginger Dressing



One 15-oz. can Schnucks Mandarin Oranges, drained



34 cup Schnucks Sliced Almonds



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Less really is more; a smaller grocery bill, minimal meal planning and fewer hours in the kitchen. Stretch your dollar (and your time) further while cooking up five distinct, delicious meals that the whole family will love.





#### Stock your Pantry and Save!

Cooking from scratch is the best way to make the most of your grocery run. Stock up on these versatile ingredients so you'll be ready to make all of the recipes throughout this meal plan—and many more!

#### Baking:

All-Purpose Flour

**Broths & Stocks:** 

Beef, Chicken

#### **Condiments & Juices:**

Lemon Juice, Minced Garlic, Hot Sauce (if desired), Dijon Mustard, Soy Sauce, Worcestershire Sauce

#### Dairy:

Butter, Milk

#### Oils:

Olive Oil, Vegetable Oil

#### **Seasonings:**

Black Pepper, Dried Basil, Ground Cayenne, Ground Cinnamon, Ground Cumin, Garlic Powder, Ground Ginger, Crushed Red Pepper, Salt, Dried Thyme

#### **Sweeteners:**

Brown Sugar, Honey

#### Vinegar:

Apple Cider Vinegar

#### **Get the Goods!**

**SCAN** with your phone camera to add the pantry items above to your Schnucks Rewards shopping list.



#### **Potatoes for the Week**

ACTIVE: 15 MIN - TOTAL: 1 HR 15 MIN

- 2½ lbs. russet potatoes
- 34 cup Schnucks milk
- 2 tbsp. Schnucks butter
- 1 cup Schnucks shredded Cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Scrub potatoes, pat dry and prick all over with a fork. Bake 50–60 minutes or until very tender. Let cool and cut each potato lengthwise. Scoop out white portion and discard skins. Add potatoes to a large bowl and coarsely mash. Remove 2 cups from bowl; cover and refrigerate.

#### **Make Cheesy Mashed Potatoes:**

Continue to mash remaining potatoes until smooth. Stir in milk, butter and cheese. Season with salt and pepper, if desired. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

#### Homestyle Braise<u>d Beef</u>

**SERVES:** 8 (or 4 with leftovers\*) **ACTIVE:** 15 MIN - **TOTAL:** 3 HR

- 1 2½–3 lb. Schnucks Certified Angus Beef Bottom Round Roast, fat trimmed from meat, cut into 4 or 5 pieces
- 2 tbsp. Schnucks vegetable oil
- 2 tbsp. low-sodium soy sauce
- 1 tbsp. minced garlic
- 1 tbsp. Dijon mustard
- 1 tbsp. dried basil
- 2 tsp. fresh thyme (or ¾ tsp. dried)
- 1\* lb. carrots, peeled and chopped
- 2\* large red onions, chopped
- 4\* cups Cheesy Mashed Potatoes (above), warmed
- 1. Heat oil in a large pot over mediumhigh heat. Add beef and brown on all sides. Drain fat. Combine 2 cups water, soy sauce, garlic, mustard and basil; pour over roast and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low. Add thyme; cover and simmer for 2 hours.
- **2.** Add carrots and onions to pot. Cover and simmer 1 hour more or until beef and vegetables are tender. Let cool slightly.
- **3.** Coarsely shred beef using two forks\*; toss with cooking liquid and vegetables. Serve over Cheesy Mashed Potatoes.

#### \*Stick to the (Meal) Plan:

Use ½ lb. carrots, 1 onion and 2 cups mashed potatoes to feed four tonight and have enough beef left over to make *Braised Beef Tacos with Chimichurri tomorrow*. Remove half of the beef before tossing with veggies in step three; cover and refrigerate.

PER SERVING: CAL 454, FAT 26G (10G SAT. FAT), CHOL 120MG, SODIUM 372MG, CARB 21G (4G FIBER, 5G SUGARS), PRO 35G

#### **Easy Pickled Red Onion**

SERVES: 16

ACTIVE: 5 MIN - TOTAL: 4 HR 5 MIN

- 2 large red onions, sliced
- 2 cups Schnucks apple cider vinegar
- 1 cup warm water
- 2 tsp. salt

In a large bowl, stir together all ingredients. Cover and refrigerate at least 4 hours. Drain before serving.

PER SERVING: CAL 8, FAT 0G (0G SAT. FAT), CHOL 0MG, SODIUM 37MG, CARB 2G (0G FIBER, 1G SUGARS), PRO 0G

#### Braised Beef Tacos with Chimichurri

SERVES: 4

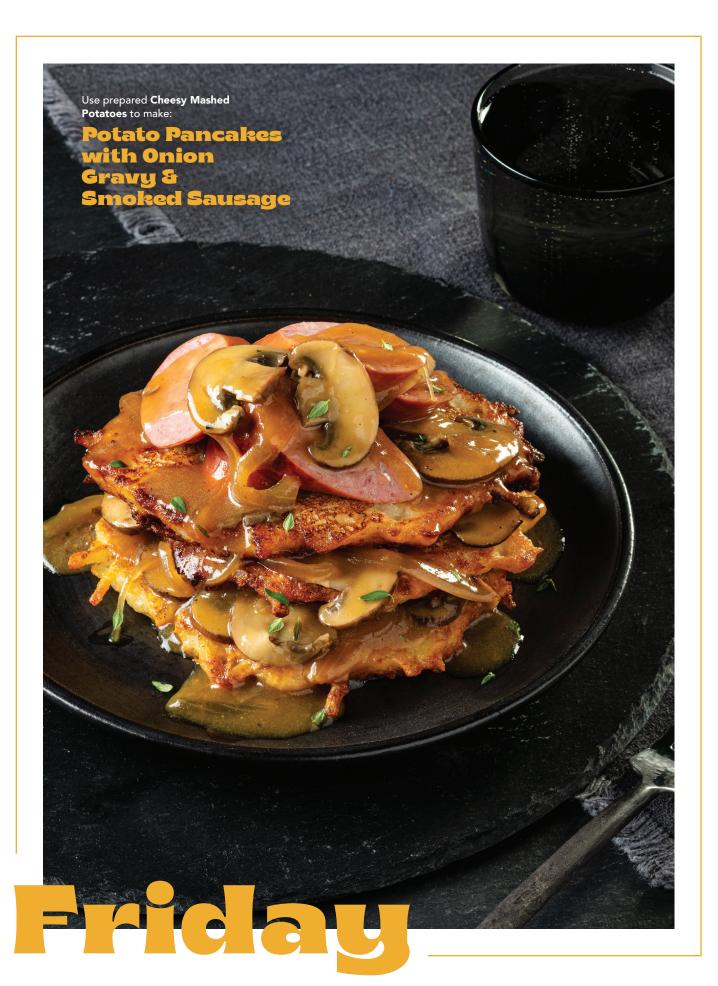
**ACTIVE: 30 MIN - TOTAL: 40 MIN** 

- 34 cup packed fresh parsley, plus more for serving
- ½ cup packed fresh cilantro
- 1/4 cup Schnucks olive oil
- 2 tbsp. Schnucks apple cider vinegar
- 1½ tsp. minced garlic
- ¼ tsp. crushed red pepper
- 2 cups Homestyle Braised Beef (left) or taco filling of choice
- 8 small corn tortillas
- 1½ cups Easy Pickled Red Onion (above)
- 1 avocado, coarsely chopped
- 1 cup shredded red cabbage
- ½ cup crumbled feta cheese
- **1.** Make chimichurri. In a food processor or blender, combine parsley, cilantro, olive oil, vinegar, garlic and crushed red pepper. Cover and mix until smooth. Season with salt and pepper if desired.
- **2.** In a large microwave-safe bowl, combine braised beef and 2 tbsp. chimichurri. Cover and microwave on high 2 minutes or until hot, stirring every 30 seconds.
- **3.** Heat a large griddle or large flat skillet over medium-high heat. Working in batches, add tortillas in a single layer to griddle and cook 1–2 minutes or until toasted, turning once halfway through.
- **4.** Fill warm tortillas with beef. Top with pickled red onion, avocado, cabbage and feta. Serve with remaining chimichurri and additional parsley, if desired.

PER SERVING: CAL 688, FAT 46G (13G SAT. FAT), CHOL 120MG, SODIUM 547MG, CARB 32G (8G FIBER, 4G SUGARS), PRO 37G







#### **Roasted Carrot Salad**

**SERVES:** 6

ACTIVE: 20 MIN - TOTAL: 40 MIN

- 2 tsp. ground cumin
- 1 tsp. ground ginger
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
- ½ tsp. cayenne pepper
- ½ tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. black pepper
- 1 lb. carrots, halved crosswise and sliced lengthwise into strips
- 1/4 cup Schnucks olive oil, divided
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1 tbsp. Dijon mustard
- 1 tbsp. Schnucks honey
- 4 cups mixed tender greens, such as arugula, spinach and/or spring mix
- 2 cups shredded red cabbage
- 1 avocado, sliced
- 1 cup Easy Pickled Red Onion (pg. 17)
- ½ cup crumbled feta cheese
- 1/2 cup Schnucks chopped walnuts
- 1/4 cup dried cranberries
- 1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. In a small bowl, combine first six ingredients. Toss carrots with 2 tablespoons olive oil and half of the spice mixture. Arrange in a single layer on a parchment-lined sheet pan. Roast 20–25 minutes or until crisptender and lightly browned, turning once halfway through. Let cool.
- **2.** In a small bowl, whisk together lemon juice, mustard, honey, remaining olive oil and remaining spice mixture.
- **3.** Arrange salad greens on a large platter. Top with roasted carrots, pickled red onion, avocado, feta, walnuts, cranberries and prepared dressing.

PER SERVING: CAL 323, FAT 24G (5G SAT. FAT), CHOL 11MG, SODIUM 456MG, CARB 27G (7G FIBER, 15G SUGARS), PRO 6G

#### **Baked Potato Soup**

**SERVES:** 4

**ACTIVE: 10 MIN - TOTAL: 30 MIN** 

- ¼ cup Schnucks butter
- 1/3 cup thinly sliced green onion, plus more to serve
- 2 tsp. minced garlic
- 1 tbsp. all-purpose flour
- 1/4 tsp. ground cumin
- 2 cups Schnucks milk
- 1 14-oz. can chicken broth
- 2 large russet potatoes, cooked, peeled and coarsely mashed (about 2 cups mashed potatoes)
- 1 cup Schnucks shredded Cheddar cheese, divided
- ½ cup Schnucks Real Bacon Pieces Hot sauce, to serve (if desired)
- 1. In a large saucepan melt butter over medium heat. Add green onion and garlic to pan; sauté 3–5 minutes or until tender. Stir in flour and cumin and cook, stirring constantly, 1 minute more. Add milk and broth to pot; season with salt and pepper, if desired.
- 2. Bring mixture to a simmer and cook, stirring occasionally, 12–15 minutes or until thickened. Stir in coarsely mashed potatoes, breaking up any large pieces with a wooden spoon, and continue to cook until warmed through. Add ¾ cup cheese and stir until melted.
- **3.** Serve soup topped with remaining cheese, bacon pieces, sliced green onion and hot sauce, if desired.

PER SERVING: CAL 431, FAT 27G (17G SAT. FAT), CHOL 90MG, SODIUM 1173MG, CARB 29G (3G FIBER, 1G SUGARS), PRO 21G

#### Potato Pancakes with Onion Gravy & Smoked Sausage

SERVES: 4

**ACTIVE: 30 MIN - TOTAL: 50 MIN** 

- 1/4 cup Schnucks vegetable oil, divided
- 1 14–16-oz. package smoked sausage
- 1 large red onion, sliced
- 1 8-oz. package fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1 tsp. minced garlic
- 2 tsp. fresh thyme (or 1 tsp. dried), plus more to serve
- 2 tbsp. plus 1 cup flour, divided
- 1 14-oz. can beef broth
- 2 tbsp. Dijon mustard
- 1 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tbsp. packed brown sugar
- 1 medium potato, peeled, grated and drained of any excess liquid
- 1 cup Cheesy Mashed Potatoes (pg. 17) or mashed potatoes of choice
- 34 cup Schnucks milk
- ½ tsp. salt
- 1. In a large skillet, heat 2 tablespoons vegetable oil over medium-high heat. Add sausage and cook 6–8 minutes or until golden brown, turning once halfway through. Transfer sausage to a cutting board, let cool and slice into 1-inch pieces.
- 2. Meanwhile, add onion and mushrooms to remaining oil in the skillet and sauté 5–7 minutes or until tender. Add garlic and thyme; season with salt and pepper, if desired. Cook, stirring constantly, 1 minute more. Add 2 tablespoons flour and gently stir until there are no lumps.
- **3.** Add broth, mustard, Worcestershire sauce and brown sugar to skillet. Bring mixture to a boil. Return sausage to skillet, reduce heat to low and simmer 8–10 minutes or until thickened.
- **4.** Meanwhile, in a large bowl, combine grated potato, mashed potatoes, remaining flour, milk and salt. Season with black pepper, if desired.
- **5.** On a large flat griddle or skillet, heat 2 tablespoons vegetable oil over medium heat. For each pancake, spoon ¼ cup potato mixture onto skillet and spread to about 3-inch diameter. Cook 4–6 minutes or until golden brown, turning once halfway through.
- **6.** Serve potato pancakes topped with onion-mustard gravy and sausage. Garnish with additional thyme leaves, if desired.

PER SERVING: CAL 521, FAT 33G (10G SAT. FAT), CHOL 53MG, SODIUM 1151MG, CARB 39G (3G FIBER, 5G SUGARS), PRO 17G

#### **Grocery List**

We've taken the guesswork out of grocery shopping! Just pick up the following foods (and any missing pantry items from page 17) to make all five of these meals.

- 2½–3 lbs. Schnucks Certified Angus Beef Bottom Round Roast
- One 2.8-oz. package Schnucks Real Bacon Pieces
- One 14-oz. package smoked sausage
- Two avocados
- One 2-lb. bag carrots
- One 5-lb. bag russet potatoes

- One 2-lb. bag red onions
- One 8-oz. package whole white mushrooms
- 4 cups salad greens
- One 10-oz. package shredded red cabbage
- One bunch parsley
- One bunch cilantro
- One package fresh thyme (if desired)

• One bunch green onions

- One 4-oz. package Schnucks crumbled feta
- One 8-oz. package Schnucks shredded Cheddar cheese
- One package Schnucks
   6-inch soft corn tortillas
- One 2.25-oz. package Schnucks chopped walnuts
- One 4-oz. package dried cranberries





#### Thrifty Salad Dressing

MAKES: 1/2 CUP

**ACTIVE: 5 MIN - TOTAL: 5 MIN** 

- 2-3 tbsp. base (such as honey, mustard, barbecue sauce, peanut butter, maple syrup, tahini, etc.)
- 1/4 cup oil (such as olive, canola, vegetable, avocado, walnut, sunflower, sesame, corn, peanut, etc.)
- 2 tbsp. acid (vinegar, citrus juice, etc.)
- 1 tbsp. fresh (or 1 tsp. dried) herbs of choice (such as parsley, cilantro, basil, thyme, rosemary, tarragon, dill, chives, mint, oregano or sage), if desired
- 1 tsp. minced onion, shallot and/or garlic, if desired

Vigorously shake or whisk together first three ingredients until fully incorporated. If desired, add remaining ingredients and gently shake or stir to combine. Season with salt and pepper, if desired.

#### **Crafty Croutons**

MAKES: 4 CUPS

**ACTIVE: 5 MIN - TOTAL: 30 MIN** 

- 4 cups cubed bread
- 6 tbsp. butter, melted

#### For Cinnamon-Cayenne Croutons:

- 1 tsp. sugar
- ½ tsp. cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper

#### For Garlic-Parmesan Croutons:

- 3 tbsp. grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 tsp. garlic powder
- 1. Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Add all ingredients to a large bowl and toss to combine. Spread into a single layer on a baking sheet.
- 2. Bake 15–20 minutes or until bread is crisp and golden, stirring occasionally. Let cool.

#### **Autumn Crunch Salad**

SERVES: 4

ACTIVE: 10 MIN - TOTAL: 25 MIN

- 3 cups (1/4 lb.) chopped hearty greens such as kale or radicchio
- 2 cups (6 oz.) shredded Brussels sprouts
- ½ cup salad dressing, plus more to serve (recipe above—we used stone-ground mustard, maple syrup, walnut oil, apple cider vinegar, tarragon and shallots)
- 2 apples, thinly sliced
- 1 cup Cinnamon-Cayenne Croutons (recipe above)
- ½ cup toasted sunflower seeds or pepitas
- 1/4 cup crumbled goat cheese

Add first three ingredients to large bowl and toss to combine; set aside for 15–20 minutes to let vegetables soften. Serve topped with remaining ingredients and additional dressing, if desired.

PER SERVING: CAL 320, FAT 24G (7G SAT. FAT), CHOL 17MG, SODIUM 191MG, CARB 24G (5G FIBER, 11G SUGARS), PRO 7G

#### **Rotisserie Chicken Stock**

**MAKES:** 6 CUPS

ACTIVE: 15 MIN - TOTAL: 1 HR 15 MIN

Bones and scraps from one rotisserie chicken

- 4 cups chopped vegetables and scraps of choice, such as carrots, onions, celery, leeks, garlic, mushrooms, tomatoes, shallots, scallions, etc.\*
- 6 sprigs fresh parsley, or herbs of choice
- 1 bay leaf
- 10 whole peppercorns or ½ tsp. ground black pepper
- 6 cups cool water
- 1. Add all ingredients to a large stock pot or Dutch oven and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer for 1 hour. Let cool.
- Set a fine mesh strainer over a large bowl.Using a slotted spoon, remove solids from pot and discard. Pour broth through strainer.Discard any additional solids.
- **3.** Store in an airtight container. Refrigerate up to 4 days or freeze up to 3 months.

\*Other veggies that can be used (but only in moderation) include bell pepper, chard, corn cobs, eggplant, ginger, green beans, lettuce, parsnips, spinach, squash skins and zucchini.

#### Tuscan Sausage & Kale Soup

#### SERVES: 6

ACTIVE: 20 MIN - TOTAL: 50 MIN

- 2 tbsp. Schnucks olive oil
- 8 oz. Schnucks salsiccia sausage
- 1 sweet onion, chopped
- 2 celery stalks, sliced
- 1 tsp. minced garlic
- ½ tsp. crushed red pepper
- 6 cups chicken stock (recipe above)
- 1 15.5-oz. can reduced-sodium cannellini beans, drained and rinsed
- 3 cups torn kale leaves
  Juice and zest from one small lemon
- 1/4 cup finely shredded Parmesan cheese
- 1 cup Parmesan-Garlic Croutons (pg. 23)
- 1. Heat oil in a large saucepan over mediumhigh heat. Add sausage and cook, breaking up with a spoon or spatula, 3–4 minutes or until browned. Remove sausage with a slotted spoon and set aside.
- 2. Add onion and celery to saucepan and cook 4–5 minutes or until crisp-tender. Stir in garlic and crushed red pepper. Continue to cook, stirring frequently, for 1 minute.
- 3. Stir in stock and beans. Return sausage to saucepan and bring mixture to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, about 20 minutes or until vegetables are tender.
- 4. Add kale, lemon juice and lemon zest; cook, stirring frequently, 2 minutes more or until kale is just wilted.
- **5.** Serve immediately topped with Parmesan cheese and croutons.

PER SERVING: CAL 339, FAT 19G (7G SAT. FAT), CHOL 49MG, SODIUM 709MG, CARB 26G (6G FIBER, 4G SUGARS), PRO 17G









#### Taffy Apple Ice Cream

SERVES: 8

ACTIVE: 40 MIN - TOTAL: 12 HR

- 2 tbsp. butter
- 3 medium ripe sweet apples, chopped

1. Heat butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add apples and sauté 6–8 minutes or

- 34 cup packed brown sugar, divided
- 1 tbsp. molasses or maple syrup
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 3 cups milk,\* divided
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 3 egg yolks, beaten
- until crisp-tender. Reduce heat to mediumlow and stir in ½ cup brown sugar, molasses, cinnamon and vanilla. Sauté 3–4 minutes or until mixture has thickened slightly. Set aside. 2. In a large saucepan, combine 1½ cups milk, granulated sugar, ¼ cup brown sugar, salt and egg yolks. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, 9–10 minutes or until just bubbling (do not boil). Stir in remaining milk; let cool. 3. Pour milk mixture into a large freezer bag and press all of the air out. Seal and place flat in the freezer. Freeze completely, 6–8 hours. 4. Crumble the frozen mixture into a blender (or food processor) and mix until smooth. With blender still running, mix in apple mixture.

freezer. Freeze at least 4 hours before serving.
\*For the richest ice cream, swap out up to
2 cups of milk for heavy cream or half-and-half.

5. Transfer to a storage container and return to

PER SERVING: CAL 240, FAT 7G (4G SAT. FAT), CHOL 84MG, SODIUM 155MG, CARB 43G (2G FIBER, 35G SUGARS), PRO 5G

#### **Chocolate Pumpkin Pie**

SERVES: 8

ACTIVE: 25 MIN - TOTAL: 1 HR 15 MIN

- 1 15-oz. can pure pumpkin
- <sup>2</sup>/₃ cup sugar
- ½ tsp. ground ginger
- ½ tsp. ground nutmeg
- 1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 3 large eggs, slightly beaten
- 3/4 cup half-and-half
- 1 9-inch pie crust (pg. 26)
- ½ cup Schnucks Hazelnut Spread with Cocoa, warmed in microwave
- Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In a large bowl, combine first five ingredients. Add eggs. Beat lightly with a fork until just combined. Gradually stir in half-and-half; mix well.
   Place piecrust onto a baking sheet and fill with pumpkin mixture. Drop spoonfuls of warmed chocolate hazelnut spread into filling and swirl with a knife. Cover edge of crust with foil to prevent overbrowning.
   Bake 25 minutes. Remove foil and bake 25–30 minutes more or until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack; refrigerate until ready to serve.

PER SERVING: CAL 420, FAT 21G (14G SAT. FAT), CHOL 101MG, SODIUM 334MG, CARB 53G (3G FIBER, 34G SUGARS), PRO 6G

# sub-zero savings

Whether you're a busy family or a party of one, it's easy to stretch the life of your food (and your dollar) while also adding a bit of time back to your day.

All it takes is a plan, a little prep and—most importantly—your freezer.



#### a little prep goes a long way

Prepping ingredients by washing, chopping and freezing is great for quick-cooking meals and will save you a lot of time, without having to cook anything beforehand.

#### **Sheet-Pan Dinners**

Wash and chop veggies, slice meats and freeze; it's as simple as that. When you're ready to eat, all that's left to do is thaw, season and roast on a sheet pan.

#### **Stir Fry Skillets**

Wash and chop veggies, slice meats, cook grains and freeze. Just thaw before frying in a skillet, and you've got dinner in no time!

#### **Slow-Cooker Meals**

Wash and chop veggies, prepare meats according to recipe and freeze. Thaw overnight and dump in the slow cooker in the morning. You'll have a delicious meal by dinnertime!

#### Meatloaf

Prepare and shape your raw meat mixture and freeze. Be sure to thaw completely before popping in the oven when you're ready to eat. Or, portion out the raw meat mixture into muffin-sized mounds and freeze on a sheet pan until solid. Then transfer to a freezer-safe bag and thaw individually as needed.

#### cook now, eat later

Fully cooking a complete meal ahead of time then freezing and reheating later is the ultimate time-saver! This works best for meals that don't rely on a variety of textures.

#### Soups, Stews & Chili

Cooked soups can be frozen flat in freezer bags to be thawed and reheated later! Be sure to cool completely before bagging.

#### **Casseroles & Bakes**

Baking and freezing casseroles and bakes (such as lasagna or enchiladas) ahead of time makes for a super-easy weeknight dinner! Simply thaw in the refrigerator the night before and pop in the oven to reheat.

#### **Single-Serving Meals**

Fully cooking your meals and portioning into single servings is a great method for quick dishes you can pop in the microwave—perfect for a busy weeknight dinner or an office-friendly lunch!

#### thaw is the law

Thawing food facilitates quicker, more even cooking. Keep these rules in mind before preparing your next freezer meal.

Frozen raw meats should always be completely thawed before cooking.

The best way to thaw is in the refrigerator overnight; it requires a little planning but is the safest method. However, if you're in a pinch, some items can be thawed quickly in cold, running water.

Never set frozen food out on the counter to defrost at room temperature, as it can spoil and cause food-borne illnesses.

#### the no-freeze list

Although most foods can (technically) be frozen safely, some maintain their taste and texture better than others. Here are a few pointers on what to avoid:

- Fresh salads will become soggy from the dressing and limp from waterlogged produce.
- Pasta salads become soggy and mushy while the mayonnaise or salad dressing base can separate.
- **Potatoes** should only be frozen if they are cooked or partially-cooked (blanched).
- Produce with high water content such as celery, cucumbers and lettuce becomes limp and waterlogged.
- Eggs can be a little tricky. To freeze raw eggs, crack them out of their shells and whisk together the whites and yolks—or, freeze the whites and yolks separately, whisking the yolks with ½ teaspoon salt per every four yolks to keep them from gelatinizing. Avoid freezing cooked eggs unless they are scrambled.
- Cream or custard used in sauces or pie fillings and baked goods separates and becomes watery and lumpy.
- Seasonings like garlic, cloves, onion, paprika, curry and a variety of herbs can alter their flavor in the freezer and become much stronger. When using herbs and spices in your meals, season lightly before freezing and add additional seasonings later, when reheating.

# Perfect YOUR PASTA

If one dish comes to mind for a frugal, filling meal, it's pasta. And although preparing it isn't the most elaborate task, every minute counts when getting food on the table for a busy family. Enter: frozen pasta. Even though those noodles can get mushy if not frozen correctly, fantastic oncefrosty fettuccine is indeed possible.

#### Here's how:

- 1. Cook pasta to just under al dente. When reheating at meal time, noodles will finish cooking while maintaining their shape and texture.
- 2. When you're ready to freeze—toss pasta with a little olive oil before spreading onto a parchment-lined baking sheet. Freezing noodles this way allows them to maintain their shape while keeping them from sticking together or breaking. For longer noodles, swirl them into small nests for easier storage. Once frozen, simply transfer pasta to your preferred container.
- **3.** Freeze homemade sauce in ice cube trays to form individual servings that can be paired with frozen pasta.
- **4.** When you're ready to eat, the frozen pasta and sauce can be thrown in a skillet right out of the freezer—no thawing necessary. The warm pan will heat everything through in minutes, and viola! You've got yourself a delicious, satisfying meal in no time.

#### Kick it up a notch!

You can always add fresh ingredients to spruce your pasta dish up a bit. Blister some fresh tomatoes in the skillet while it cooks, or garnish with some fresh basil. The possibilities are endless!



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