How to Balance a Meal

Day 1: Less Balanced

Breakfast

Bagel BELT (bacon, egg & processed cheese)

Drink: Large coffee "double double"



Lunch

Ham & swiss sandwich -on rye bread -with mayonnaise & butter

+ Chocolate pudding

Drink: Iced tea



Day 2: More Balanced

Breakfast

Piece of fruit

+ Lower-sugar granola bar (e.g. KIND or Nature Valley)

Drink: Black coffee or with milk +/- sweetener



Lunch

Sandwich or wrap (Tuna, egg salad or roast chicken) -on whole wheat -with mayonnaise & mustard

+ Yogurt

Drink: Water, sparkling water, or hot tea



Day 1: Less Balanced

Afternoon Snack

Chocolate coated granola bar

Drink: Medium iced cappuccino made with cream



Supper

Macaroni & cheese



Evening Snack

Microwave popcorn



Day 2: More Balanced

Afternoon Snack

Whole wheat crackers

- + 1 slice cheese
- + Snap peas & carrots with ranch

Drink: Iced coffee made with milk







Supper

Macaroni & cheese

- + Frozen peas
- + Canned tuna or kidney/black beans



Evening Snack

Air popped popcorn or BoomChickaPop (sea salt flavour)



Recipe Makeover

Whether it's a family favourite or a brand new recipe, there are ways to make your recipes more nutritious without affecting the overall quality and taste.

Original Recipe Pizza Chicken served with White Rice	Recipe Makeover Pizza Chicken served with Quinoa/Wild Rice and Mixed Vegetables
Ingredients	Ingredients (changes in italics)
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½ cup seasoned bread crumbs	Skip the breading or Use crushed bran cereal flakes (instead of bread crumbs) -Higher fibre -Lower sodium
¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese	¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese (no change)
1 teaspoon salt	1 teaspoon Italian seasoning (instead of adding salt) -Lower sodium
1 teaspoon black pepper	1 teaspoon black pepper (no change)
½ cup all-purpose flour	½ cup all-purpose flour
1 egg	1 egg
1 tablespoon lemon juice	1 tablespoon lemon juice
2 chicken breasts (skin-on)	2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts -Lower saturated fat

½ cup pizza sauce, divided 1/2 cup low sodium tomato sauce or tomato paste -Lower sodium ½ cup shredded 1/2 cup shredded light mozzarella cheese, divided mozzarella cheese (25% M.F. or more) (20% M.F. or less) MOZZARELLA -Lower saturated fat 4 slices PC Blue Menu 4 slices pepperoni Stone Roasted Ham (extra lean) -Lower sodium and saturated fat Minute Rice Quinoa, wild rice (instant white rice) or parboiled rice -Higher fibre Frozen mixed vegetables served on the side -Higher fibre

Directions Makes: 2 servings

- 1. Preheat oven to 400°F.
- 2. Combine bran cereal, Parmesan cheese, Italian seasoning, and pepper in a shallow bowl. Place flour in a second bowl. Whisk egg and lemon juice together in a third bowl.

-Lower sodium and saturated fat

- 3. Dip each chicken breast in the egg mixture and then coat with flour. Dip in egg mixture again and then coat with the cereal mixture.
- 4. Place coated chicken breasts into a baking dish. Bake until chicken is heated through and cereal crumbs are golden, about 20 minutes.
- 5. Spoon ¼ cup of tomato sauce onto each chicken breast. Sprinkle each chicken breast with half the mozzarella cheese and top with 2 ham slices.
- 6. Bake until chicken is no longer pink inside and juices run clear, about 10 more minutes. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the thickest part of a breast should read at least 165°F (74°C).