Welcome to the December Statewide Wellness Virtual Lunch and Learn Hosted by: **OSHR** Worksite Wellness

If you participate in the State Health Plan, you can find a nutritionist close to you by logging into your BCBSNC account or calling BCBS. Dietitian visits are covered at 100% when an in-network provider is used. Visit www.shpnc.org to learn more.

For future wellness lunch and learn events, or recordings of previous events, visit <u>https://oshr.nc.gov/wellness-webinars</u>.

Let's LUNCH AND LEARN!

Healthy additions to your plate this season!

Healthy

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- Lifestyle Medical Centers offers Nutrition Counseling to assist with educating you on how to make positive lifestyle changes alongside continual support and encouragement.
- Services offered:
- Weight Management
- Women's Health
- Sports Nutrition
- Chronic Disease Counseling
- Bariatric Support
- Smoking Cessation
- Sleep Assessment and Stress Management



Evidence-based Lifestyle Modification and Medical Nutrition Therapy





Homemade Cranberry Sauce

- Replacement OR Compliment to Gravy!
- If you haven't tried homemade cranberry sauce – you are truly missing out!
- This nutrient dense swap is loaded with Vitamin C and Fiber!
- <u>https://www.eatingwell.com/recipe</u> /268044/the-best-homemadecranberry-sauce/



Roasted Root Vegetables

- Holiday dishes can be loaded with breading / sauces - so incorporating some roasted root vegetables can be a nice addition to your Holiday plate this year!
- Veggies to try: Cauliflower, Brussels Sprouts, Sweet Potato, Carrots.
- <u>https://www.eatingwell.com/recipe</u> /257723/sheet-pan-roasted-rootvegetables/



Green Bean Almandine

- As a swap for Green Bean casserole (Or compliment!)
- <u>https://www.eatingwell.com/recip</u> e/7878244/green-beansamandine/
- If you desire Green Bean Casserole – you must try this recipe!
- <u>https://www.eatingwell.com/recip</u> e/260750/slow-cooker-green-beancasserole-with-crispy-onions/



Mashed Cauliflower and Potato Blend

- For a lower glycemic option (better blood sugar control), blending cauliflower with your mashed potatoes can be a healthy twist on this classic.
- <u>https://bowl-me-</u> over.com/cauliflower-mashedpotatoes/



Sweet Potato Casserole

- Try swapping marshmallows and brown sugar for healthy seeds, nuts and rich spices.
- If you do desire Sweet Potato Casserole try this recipe!
- <u>https://www.eatingwell.com/recipe</u> /268408/no-sugar-added-sweetpotato-casserole/



Lightened up Spinach Dip

- Dips are such a fun and easy side item for various parties and family gathering's over the Holiday's. However they can come with a lot of unnecessary calories. Try this lightened up Spinach dip that packs more of a nutritious punch!
- <u>https://www.eatingwell.com/recipe/262</u>
 <u>159/slow-cooker-spinach-artichoke-dip/</u>
- Also this dip from Trader Joes is one of my absolute favorites!
- Serve with whole grain toasted bread and/or vegetables.



Veggie Tray

- An easy way to add veggies to your Holiday meal plan is with a veggie tray. Try making it fun and festive!
- <u>https://www.eatingwell.com/gallery/2</u> 056131/delicious-christmasappetizers-that-can-be-made-aheadof-time/

Winter Charcuterie Board

- A nice addition to loaded dips and other heavy appetizers is a Charcuterie board. A recipe isn't necessary but sometimes having inspiration helps!
- <u>https://www.eatingwell.com/recipe/268786/winter-meat-cheese-board/</u>



Lightened Up Pumpkin Pie

- This pumpkin pie can provide all the flavor needed for less than 200 calories a slice.
- <u>https://www.eatingwell.com/recipe/259437/light-and-luscious-pumpkin-pie/</u>



Other dessert recipes to try:

- Apple Crisp: A nice healthy twist to a seasonal favorite! <u>https://therealfooddietitians.com/</u> <u>paleo-apple-crisp/</u>
- Peppermint Chocolate Greek Yogurt Bark: A simple yet delicious alternative to traditional Peppermint Bark! <u>https://www.eatingwell.com/recip</u> e/277502/peppermint-chocolategreek-yogurt-bark/



Holiday Drink Features

- Holiday beverages can be loaded with calories, especially coming from sugar. These are some lowersugar alternatives to include at your Holiday parties or gatherings this year if desired!
- Cranberry Prosecco Cocktail: <u>https://www.eatingwell.com/recip</u> <u>e/268051/cranberry-prosecco-</u> <u>cocktail/</u>
- Pomsettia: <u>https://shawsimpleswaps.com/pomsettia-skinny-festive-cocktail/</u>



Let's Cook! Today's Features..

> Roasted Cauli and Cheese

Creamy Apple and Pear Salad