

## PUJOLS FAMILY FOUNDATION BATTER UP COOKING PROGRAM

## HERB CRUSTED SALMON WITH GOAT CHEESE POLENTA

4 – 6 ounce salmon filets 2 tablespoons olive oil

2 tablespoons Dijon mustard 1 teaspoon salt

2 cups cherry tomatoes 1 ½ cups corn grits polenta

1 cup fresh parsley, chopped 4 cups water

½ cup fresh basil, chopped 5 ounces goat cheese

1 clove garlic, minced Salt and pepper to taste

1½ cups bread crumbs or panko

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Line a baking sheet with foil and spray with nonstick spray.
- 2. In a high powered blender or food processor, combine the parsley, basil, garlic, bread crumbs (or panko), olive oil, and salt. Blend until fully combined and minced. Set aside.
- 3. Place the salmon filets on the baking sheet and lay the tomatoes around the salmon. Spread ½ tablespoon of Dijon mustard onto each salmon fillet in a thin layer. Top each piece of salmon with a heaping spoonful of the herb mixture. Press down to make sure it attaches and forms a crust on each piece.
- 4. Bake for 15-20 minutes or until the salmon is fully cooked and flaky throughout.
- 5. While salmon is cooking, prepare the polenta. In a large, heavy pan, bring the water to a boil (follow package instructions) and salt and pepper to taste.
- 6. Stir in polenta and reduce to a simmer. Simmer for 15 -20 minutes or until it's thickened to your liking. Turn off the heat and stir in the goat cheese.
- 7. Spoon some polenta into each bowl and top with salmon and tomatoes.