Meal Plan 18- Week of Aug 18-24

Dinner Recipes

- Sunday: <u>Balsamic Pork Tenderloin</u> with <u>Roasted Italian Vegetables</u>
- Monday: Caprese Pasta Salad with Fresh Fruit
- Tuesday: Vegetarian Enchiladas with Instant Pot Cilantro Lime Rice
- Wednesday: Grilled Pork Tenderloin with leftover rice
- Thursday: Pesto Chicken with Roasted Red Potatoes
- Friday: Pesto Pizza with Side Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette
- Saturday: <u>Hamburgers</u> with <u>Grilled Vegetable Kabobs</u>

Breakfast Ideas

- Blender Banana Oatmeal Pancakes
- Easy Potato Frittata
- Instant Pot Egg Bites

Lunch Ideas

- Butterfly Snack Bags
- Egg Salad
- Healthier Cheese Quesadilla

Snack/Dessert Ideas

- No-Churn Ice Cream
- Homemade Drumstick Ice Cream Cones
- Chocolate Strawberry Smoothie

Meal Plan Tips

- This week there are 2 recipes using pork tenderloin. If you have a large family, you will want to prepare 2 tenderloins each night and purchase a total of 4, or 2 packs of pork tenderloin. For a family of 4 average size eaters, 1 pack is enough.
- I find that the Caprese Salad is substantial enough to stand as a meal, especially paired with a side of fresh fruit. However, feel free to grill up some chicken breasts or chicken sausage (sundried tomato flavored is delicious!) and add to the pasta salad.
- Make extra rice on Tuesday to serve with the grilled pork tenderloin.
- Use basil to make pesto for pesto chicken, pesto pizza, and for caprese pasta salad.
- Use vine-ripened tomatoes for BLTs, and grape or cherry tomatoes for caprese pasta salad, pesto chicken, & pesto pizza (or dice and deseed garden tomatoes if you have a lot on hand.)
- Use red potatoes roasted veggies, potato salad, and roasted red potatoes. Add leftover roasted potatoes to a potato frittata.
- Bake bacon and use it to prepare BLTs and Bacon Ranch Potato Salad.
 Add leftover bacon to potato frittata if desired.
- If you have leftover pesto chicken, dice and add to pizza, but it is not necessary.
- Feel free to use fresh mozzarella for pesto chicken and pesto pizza OR shredded for caprese pasta salad.

Grocery List

Proteins:

- 1 pound chicken breast
- 1 package (2 per pack) of pork tenderloin
- 1 pound bacon

Dairy/Refrigerated

- 1/2 pound fresh mozzarella cheese
- 12 ounces shredded mozzarella
- parmesan cheese
- sour cream + mayo (for potato salad)
- shredded cheddar

Dry Goods

- Enchilada Sauce
- pesto (or homemade pesto)
- pine nuts to make pesto
- balsamic vinegar
- Rice-brown or white
- olive oil
- garlic
- corkscrew pasta
- ranch seasoning
- honey

Bread

- pizza dough or <u>homemade</u> <u>dough</u>
- tortillas for enchiladas

Produce

- 5 pounds of red potatoes
- 3 red bell peppers (for vegetable bake, enchiladas, and pineapple salsa)
- 2 red onions (for enchiladas, veggie bake and pineapple salsa for pork tenderloin)
- 2-4 small zucchini and/or yellow squash--for enchiladas, vegetable bake
- 2 vine-ripened tomatoes for BLTs
- 2 pints cherry/grape tomatoes
- 3-4 limes
- 1 bunch of cilantro
- 2 fresh pineapple
- toppings for enchiladas if desired
- fresh basil
- chives for potato salad