## **CHEETOS® Meatballs**

## Ingredients

- 5 ¼ cups pulverized CHEETOS® Crunchy Cheese Flavored Snacks
- Extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 pound Pancetta, cut into 1/4 inch dice
- 6 Onions
- Crushed red pepper
- Kosher salt
- 6 Cloves garlic
- 3 (28-ounce) cans San Marzano tomatoes, passed through a food mill
- ½ pound Ground beef
- ½ pound Ground veal
- ½ pound Ground pork
- 2 Large eggs
- 1 cup Freshly grated Parmigiano, plus more as needed
- ¼ cup Chopped fresh Italian parsley
- 2 cups Ricotta cheese
- 2 cups Dill pickles, cut into ¼-inch dice
- 1 cup Finely chopped chives

## How to make it

- Coat a large saucepan with olive oil. Add pancetta bring to medium heat and cook for 6 to 8 minutes.
- Add 4 onions (cut into ½ inch dice), 4 garlic cloves (smashed and finely chopped) and a pinch of red pepper. Season generously with salt; cook until the onions are soft, stirring frequently.
- Add the tomatoes along with 2 cups of water.
  Add up to one more cup for consistency while cooking. Season generously with salt. Cook sauce for 2 to 3 hours, stirring occasionally.











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- 4. Coat a large sauté pan with olive oil, add 2 onions (cut into ¼ inch dice), and bring to medium-high heat. Season onions generously with salt and cook until soft.
- 5. Add 2 finely chopped garlic cloves and a pinch of red pepper. Sauté for another 2 to 3 minutes. Turn off heat.
- 6. In a large bowl, combine the beef, veal, pork, eggs, Parmigiano, parsley and 5 cups pulverized CHEETOS<sup>®</sup>. Season with salt. Combine the mixture using your hands.
- 7. Add the onions and about ½ cup water. Combine mixture again it should be wet.
- 8. Preheat the oven to 350°F.
- Using damp hands, shape the meat into balls a little larger than a golf ball. Roll each meatball around in 5 cups of pulverized CHEETOS<sup>®</sup>.
- 10. Deep-fry the meatballs until they are dark brown and very crispy. Place the meatballs on a sheet and into the oven for 10 minutes.
- 11. Cook the meatballs in the sauce for 15 to 20 minutes or until the sauce clings nicely to the meatballs.
- 12. Place the meatballs in a serving dish, spoon sauce over the meatballs. Top with ricotta and diced pickles. Sprinkle with remaining pulverized CHEETOS<sup>®</sup> and chives.