

# 2018-2019 TRIP Tuition Reimbursement Incentives Program

Purchase gift cards through the TRIP program and pay *less* when registering your child at St. John's next school year.

**How can you use TRIP for your family?** Aren't you already spending about \$100 per week (or more) on groceries? If you buy the same \$100 worth of groceries using TRIP gift cards, part of that money is saved for you and applied toward your tuition! **Here's an example:** You order \$400/month of Mariano's for the 9 months of the school year. This would equal a total of \$3,600 spent during this time period. \$108 is held for you and then taken off your child's tuition at registration for the next school year. So, you still bought the usual \$400/month of groceries, and you saved \$108 toward tuition, without spending anything extra!

**How does it work?** For Example, when we order \$3,600 worth of Mariano's gift cards, we are only paying \$3,456 for them. The difference of \$144 is split 75%/25%; \$108 goes toward tuition and \$36 is used for operating expenses (i.e., shipping costs, program supplies, bond) and remainders at year end go to the AH Miller Scholarship Fund.

If you plan ahead, you can buy gift cards not only for groceries (Jewel, Mariano's and Whole Foods), but for movies (AMC/Loews), restaurants (Chipotle, Noodles, Panera Bread), fast food (Burger King, McDonald's, Wendy's), gas (Speedway, BP), entertainment (Amazon, Amazon PRIME, iTunes), and retail, (Bed Bath & Beyond, Kohl's, Macy's, TJ Maxx, Gap, Target and Walmart – which works at SAMS too). You may give the cards as gifts for holidays or use them for purchases. All of this can really add up over the school year!

## **Who can use the TRIP program? Anyone!**

- If you have a child at St. John's school, from 3-year-old preschool to 7th grade, you can apply the reimbursement to your own family for the next school year or have it go to the A.H. Miller Scholarship fund to help the school.
- Families who have only an 8th grader or don't have a child in the school can still use the program and apply the reimbursement toward a family of their choice or toward the A.H. Miller Scholarship fund.

## **When can you order TRIP gift cards or buy the cards we have available?**

- During the school year, fill out a TRIP order sheet and place it with your check into one of the TRIP boxes (school office or church narthex) before the Monday/Tuesday of TRIP order placement. \*order sheets are available on the school website\*
- OR come to the entry near the school office between 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. on Monday TRIP mornings. You can buy stocked cards as "Cash and Carry" on a first come first served basis, and/or place an order for non-inventory cards.
- See specific TRIP dates on back side of this page.
- Sign up for PrestoPay and order any time.

The ordered cards usually take 3 days. When you place an order on Monday, they are usually available for you by Thursday afternoon. We also carry an inventory of popular cards so that you can buy them right away with no waiting! We stock Jewel, Mariano's, Starbucks, Speedway, McDonald's and Kohl's.

## **When can you start the TRIP program? Anytime!**

Don't feel like you missed out if you don't start at the beginning of the school year. Just place an order anytime to start saving toward the following year.

**If you have any questions, please call the volunteer coordinators:**

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