

2024-2025 TRIP

Tuition Reimbursement Incentives Program

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

How can you use TRIP for your family? Aren't you already spending about \$150 per week (or more) on groceries and everyday essentials? If you buy the same \$150 worth of groceries and essentials using TRIP gift cards, part of that money is saved and applied toward your tuition! **Here's an example:** You order \$600/month of Mariano's for the 9 months of the school year. This would equal a total of \$5,400 spent during this time period. \$162 is held and taken off your child's tuition at registration for the next school year. So, you still bought the usual \$600/month of groceries and essentials, and saving \$162 toward tuition, without spending anything extra!

How does it work? For Example, when we order \$5,400 worth of Mariano's gift cards, we are only paying \$5,184 for them. The difference of \$216 is split 75%/25%; \$162 goes toward your tuition and \$54 is used for operating expenses (i.e., shipping costs, program supplies, bond) and remainders at year end go to the AH Miller Scholarship Fund.

When you plan ahead, you can buy gift cards not only for groceries and everyday essentials (Jewel and Mariano's), but for movies (AMC/Cinemark), restaurants (Chipotle, Noodles, Panera Bread), fast food (Mc Donald's, Panera, Domino's), gas (Speedway, Shell), entertainment (Amazon, iTunes), and retail, (Container Store, 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 your everyday purchases. 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 other families.
- 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 of TRIP order placement. *order sheets are available on the school website*
- **OR** come to the entry near the school office at 7:45 a.m. on **Monday** TRIP morning order dates. You can buy stocked cards with "Cash and Carry" on a first come first served basis, and/or place an order for non-inventory cards.
- See specific TRIP dates on the school website.
- Contact TRIP Program organizer for your personalized user/pw combo for the RaiseRight app.
- Sign in to your RaiseRight App and order gift cards, e-gift cards or re-load gift cards on your mobile device at any time, even in the checkout line at your retailer.

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

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 any time before the current year cutoff date to start saving toward the following school year.

If you have any questions, please contact the volunteer coordinator:

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