

Want a Break on Tuition?

Dear STA parent:

We wanted to let you know about a great program we have at STA. It's called TRIP. TRIP stands for tuition reduction incentive program. It's a tuition reduction program that works while you shop.

The program sells gift certificates from national and local retailers. They are the same gift certificates that you buy at the store. Over 200 popular retailers participate, including Gap, Speedway, Toys R Us, Home Depot, Barnes & Noble, Old Navy, Champps and many more. Even some local businesses owned by STA families are on the list.

How it works: TRIP participating retailers agree to sell gift certificates to the school at a discount (the percentage of the discount varies). Families like yours buy the certificates at full face value, and the school keeps the difference. The difference is credited to your tuition minus one percent (on percentages higher than 4%) that is kept for expenses to run the program and fund the technology fund. Everyone wins with TRIP:

- The retailer gets cash up front and repeat business.
- Families get a percentage of their shopping dollars back towards tuition with each gift certificate purchased.
- The school receives a small portion to cover operating expenses and purchase technology for our students.

The best part of TRIP is that you put your regular household shopping dollars to work. You can reduce your tuition payments without spending a single additional penny. Just spend your regular shopping dollars with TRIP at the stores that participate in the TRIP program! TRIP can be used for just about any household purchase including food, clothing, entertainment, gasoline, dining out, and hotels. Not to mention they make gift giving easier. They make great thank you, birthday and Christmas gifts. Don't forget you can get grandparents, family and friends to order too.

The STA TRIP program is an easy way to reduce your tuition payments. TRIP orders are taken on Wednesday mornings from 8-9 am in the gym. If this is not convenient for you, drop off an order form and check at the office before Wednesday (please do not send it to school Wednesday morning with your child). Your TRIP can be picked up the following Wednesday from 8-9 am or in the office after that time (children cannot pick up your order). It does take planning but is worth the effort.

Order forms contain the most frequently ordered certificates. If there is a retailer you would like but don't see listed visit www.glscrip.com and choose retailers, this will provide you with the complete list; there are lots! Credits accumulated through out the school year will be applied to your July tuition statement. If you have a concern or need you feel we are not meeting, please feel free to contact me. We can make this work for everyone.

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Other Great Ways to Save!

Kroger CARES gift card program

Meijer Community Rewards

This program is run through the office but is still a great way to save on tuition without hardly any effort.

1. Join online at www.meijer.com/rewards or if you have a Meijer credit card just call 1-800962-7011
2. Our Organization Code # is 281519
3. Then swipe your card at the register before your last item is scanned.
4. Get grandparents to register for cards. See the websites for details.