

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL TUITION REDUCTION INCENTIVE PLAN (T.R.I.P.)

Welcome to an exciting and unique program called T.R.I.P. T.R.I.P. enables families to earn money to offset tuition simply by buying gift cards to places such as Jewel, Strack's, Dick's, Target, Starbuck's, Panera, Chipotle, Disney, Hyatt Hotels, Speedway, Exxon, Walgreens, CVS, Lowe's, The Home Depot, Menards, Macy's, Gymboree, and over 300 more of your favorite retailers. T.R.I.P. is a simple program that only requires a little forethought.

T.R.I.P. profits can be used for one of the following:

1. Your Family Tuition Account
2. School Endowment Fund
3. Angel Scholarship Fund
4. Technology Fund
5. Another Family's Tuition Account

Hundreds of retailers and restaurants participate in this program. All you do is purchase gift cards or e-gift cards through the T.R.I.P. program, as frequently as you wish. (Orders are processed weekly during the school year and on a modified schedule during the summer). We buy them at a discounted amount. Each retailer/restaurant offers different discount rates. We credit the account of your choice with the percentage you earn. The only cost is 2% of the amount you earn which is used to cover administrative costs. A \$100.00 gift card costs \$100.00. All gift cards are spent just like cash at the store. The dollars earned are then credited to the account of your choice. For example, Speedway Gas gives 4% back. If you purchase a \$100 gift card, you will earn \$4.00 toward tuition, minus the 2% for administrative costs, which comes to \$3.92. Over time, this really adds up. **Families have earned over \$1,000 in one year towards tuition.** It's all up to you.

Just follow these procedures and watch the \$\$ credits accumulate. It's as easy as 1,2,3.

1. Fill out the Enrollment Form completely, and make sure to sign the bottom of the form.
2. Go online to www.shopwithscrip.com to enroll. You must use our code **8EE647C42254**. This code links your credits to St. Thomas More and allows you to use the program. Please use your email address as your login id. **Print out your receipt after placing an order.**
3. Enclose the receipt and your cash/check in an envelope marked "T.R.I.P." (written large on the front) and return to school by 8:30 AM on Monday. You do have the option of setting up a PrestoPay account that will automatically withdrawal the money from your checking account. You can do that on the shopwithscrip website. Orders can also be turned in early to the school office on Friday or to the Parish office on Saturday. Orders are processed at the school early on Monday mornings; late orders (e.g., Monday afternoon, Tuesday morning) need to be put in the following week because, if accepted, they would jeopardize the arrival time of cards on Wednesday afternoon. Any critical Monday morning questions about your T.R.I.P. order need to be directed to the school office.
4. Your gift cards will be available on Wednesday of that week by 3:00 PM (most of the time).

5. Orders may either be sent home with your student or held in the Parish office for pick up. Please indicate send or hold on the enrollment form. If you normally want your order sent with your student but have a large order one week (e.g., around Christmas) and want to pick it up personally, please write an easily seen note to this effect on your T.R.I.P. receipt for that week, and we will have it held at the Parish office. WEIS CENTER PARENTS: We cannot send T.R.I.P. orders home with Weis Center students; mark “hold” on your form, and pick up at the Parish office.
6. A reusable, labeled, gold envelope is issued after your 1st order for use on all subsequent orders. Please save this gold envelope for use from one year to the next.

Below are some general rules/guidelines:

- **ALL ORDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE.** No more paper forms for manual input will be accepted. You can still pay with a check or cash.
- Credits will be accumulated and distributed in January and May.
- Any credit balance left after a family leaves St. Thomas More School will be given to the St. Thomas More School Angel Scholarship Fund.
- If a check is returned for Nonsufficient Funds, you will incur a \$25 fee PLUS you will not be given credit for that order. In order for us to place an order with our gift certificate supplier, we must deposit all checks immediately. Thus, your funds must be available for withdrawal at the time of your order. We cannot “hold” checks or accept postdated checks.
- All forms must be turned in on time, including the enrollment form, and the family credit name must be properly shown up front.
- All orders need to be picked up on time.
- Please note that merchants and their percentages are subject to change. Please check the website when ordering.
- St. Thomas More School, Parish, and the T.R.I.P. Committee cannot be held liable for any lost or misplaced certificates that you choose to have sent home with a child. We make sure that every outgoing order is in an envelope labeled T.R.I.P. and hand delivered to either the teacher or the Parish office. Please let your child know that if he/she gets an envelope with the word “T.R.I.P.” on it, it is very important and is to be brought home immediately. If an order you placed does not make it home, please call at once.

If you have any questions, please contact the St. Thomas More T.R.I.P. coordinator, Lisa Jorsch, via email at stmstrip@gmail.com or by phone at the school office at 219-836-9151.

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