



MASSILLON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL T.R.I.P. NEWSLETTER

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What is TRIP and how does it work? Massillon Christian School operates a “*Tuition Reduction Incentive Program*” (TRIP) to help families earn money for tuition. Families earn a percentage of all gift cards purchased through the school. It is a great way to be rewarded by companies you may already be patronizing.

How do I sign up? Our policy states that each participant must register each school year. If you plan to place an order after September 1, 2007 **YOU MUST FILL OUT A NEW REGISTRATION FORM.** (See attached)

How do I order? An order form is attached. This order form lists the majority of the businesses that offer TRIP certificates through our program. Not all of the participating companies are listed on the order form, but we included as many of the popular ones as space allowed. Please use the blank lines on the order form to order from participating companies not listed on the order form. To find a complete list of participating retailers go online to the Great Lakes Scrip website at www.glscrip.com. Also, some

companies have restrictions or more detailed information regarding their gift cards on the web site. <http://www.glscrip.com>

When do I order? Orders may be dropped off at the school office by 8:00 a.m. on specified order days (Mondays). TRIP orders will be placed approximately twice a month. These days will be placed on the school calendar each month.

When can I pick up my order? You have several options on picking up your order. You may have the order sent home with your child, you may pick it up at the school office or get your order from the MBT Coordinator on Sunday. The TRIP orders will be ready on Friday of the same week the order was placed between noon and 3:00 p.m. If you plan to come to school to pick up your order please do so by 3:00 p.m. unless you have an emergency. There is a place on the order form to specify your preference.

How do the profits work? The TRIP program is to help our families earn money toward their tuition. This is not a school fundraiser. However, a management fee is necessary to cover the cost of postage, copies, ink, etc. We also give our

volunteers a gift toward their tuition as a thank you for their time. They put in many hours to operate this program, and we want to thank them because there would not be a TRIP program without their efforts. The management fee is currently set at 1% of the gross purchase of each order.

Vendor Changes: Our scrip provider is Great Lakes Scrip. There are several changes each month with businesses being added, dropped or policy revisions. While we are searching for a quick and efficient way to get this information to you, your best bet would be to check the Great Lakes website before placing your order. However, we will try to keep you updated by placing any new information on the order form at the bottom of the back page.

Why Should I Sign Up? We are looking for many more people to get involved and benefit from this program. It is a great way to shop and a simple way to purchase gift certificates, all the while helping with your tuition expenses!

What if I need help or have a question? Please feel free to call the TRIP Coordinator, Melinda Althuis, at home at (330) 837-4939.

Web sites: Great Lakes Scrip Center: www.glscrip.com or MCS at www.mcschargers.com