

\$\$ MONEY FOR TUITION \$\$

You can obtain tuition credits for your family or any other family at St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School and Berks Catholic High School simply by doing something that you do every week...go shopping!

By buying gift cards for *Giant Food Stores, Redner's Warehouse Markets, and Weis Markets*, at face value, you earn one half of the five percent profit (2 ½ %) on the purchase price to be applied to your tuition bill. The cards are sold at school on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:30-8:00 a.m. in the school cafeteria. They can also be purchased after weekend Masses in the church office, or Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at the rectory.

In conjunction with this program, the Home & School Association sells its *School Bucks* retail cards, and offers the same deal, i.e. one half of the profit earned on each card. (Since the profit paid on the retail cards differs from one store or restaurant to another, the amount that accrues to your tuition account will vary as well). These cards, including *Barnes & Noble, Kohl's, Red Lobster, Lowe's, and Walmart*, will also be available on Tuesday & Thursday mornings at the school or by ordering them through the school mail.

Buy cards for your groceries, your gasoline, dinner out, new school clothes, and many other items-and write just one check! Some of those dollars will return to you in the form of tuition credits for your children.

This year over 60 families participated earning hundreds of dollars in tuition credit.

Family and friends can also participate in the program. When they buy cards for groceries, dining out or other shopping, they can designate one half of the profit to be applied to any student's tuition account.

Using their gift cards will assist HSA in funding its programs for the students and teachers, help the school's budget, and give **money for tuition!**

On the back of this page you will find a list of questions and answers that pertain to the program. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Terry Dugan at 610-678-3767.

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TUITION CREDIT PROGRAM Q & A

In what denominations are the store cards available?

The amounts vary by store. The grocers typically sell \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, and \$100 cards. Casual dining places are usually \$25. Fast food might be \$5 or \$10. Department & specialty stores are often \$25 and up, but some are \$10.

Will all store cards be immediately available?

We maintain an inventory of the grocery store cards as well as popular restaurant, gas stations, department and specialty stores. Many other retailers' cards can be ordered and delivered twice per month.

When and where can I buy these cards?

- Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:30-8:00 a.m. in the school cafeteria*
- Monday-Friday 9:00-5:00 in the Rectory Office*
- After weekend Masses in the Church office (grocery only)*
- By ordering through the school using the order form found on the school web-site*

I have an eighth grader. Can I apply the credits to next year's tuition at Berks Catholic?

Yes!! We will send your credit information to BC at the end of the school year.

When will the tuition credits be applied to my St. Ignatius tuition account?

At the end of April each year, we will tally the credits and apply the money to your tuition for the upcoming year. We will send the credit information to FACTS.

Can anyone else buy the cards and apply credits toward my tuition account?

YES! Grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, and neighbors are encouraged to do so.

When and how can I order store or restaurant cards that are not in your inventory?

You may place an order with Diane Buerke on Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the school cafeteria or by using the order form on the web-site.

Will the cards be available in the school office?

NO, we do not want to add to the business and busyness of the school office.

Who do I contact if I have questions?

Call Terry Dugan (at the rectory office) 610-678-3767 or Diane Buerke at 610-372-1080