

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH/AVE MARIA ACADEMY GIFT CARD PROGRAM

With the combining of Saints Anne, Bernard, Thomas More and Our Lady of Grace schools into two campuses to form Ave Maria Academy, and due to Covid 19 restrictions, we have reevaluated our gift card program. Over the years, the the gift card program has provided an opportunity for Catholic elementary and high school families to reduce their school tuition cost by buying gift cards from St. Thomas More Church. Many school families have participated in the program and saved thousands of dollars off their tuition cost. Also, many teachers have earned credit towards the purchase of classroom supplies. The total annual savings average over \$35,000. The more you buy, the more you save!

Briefly, there are 20 vendor gift cards(regular order) that are available to purchase Monday through Friday at St. Thomas More's Parish Office(9:00 AM – 4:00 PM) and Saturday(11:00 AM – 4:00 PM). They are also available before/after weekend Masses at St. Thomas More Church(as permitted under COVID 19 guidelines).

These vendors offer discounts(rebates) to the church ranging from 2.5% to 20% of which 60% is passed on to school families as a tuition credit. The balance, 40%, is tax deductible for taxpayers who itemize deductions on their federal income tax returns. In order to get tuition/teacher credits and income tax deductions, everyone must fill out, sign and return:1) Retail Rebate Agreement and 2) Tuition Remission for Catholic High school (if applicable), to STM Parish Office: Attention: Katie Shea. These forms are available on the parish and school websites and at both campuses of the school.

See attached Gift Card Order Form for the regular order vendors and current rebate %.

In addition to the 20 regular order gift cards available to buy daily, families will now have the ability to order (anytime!) directly from Great Lakes Scrip Center (GLS). There are over 750 vendors that are offered online from GLS. Many of these vendors offer Ecards and reloadable cards (must have been originally purchased from GLS). These cards can be used immediately. You can also order physical cards that will be released to GLS approximately the 1st and 15th of each month. The cards will be available for pickup the following week at St. Thomas More Church Parish Office. The 60% tuition credit is also applicable to the online orders.

PLEASE NOTE that Giant Eagle, the most popular program vendor, is **NOT** available as an Ecard or reloadable. Also, the rebate is only 4% for online orders versus 5% for regular order for both Giant Eagle and Kohl's gift cards. Finally, Shop N' Save gift cards from GLS are not redeemable in Pittsburgh.

RELATIVES AND FRIENDS CAN BUY CARDS AND ASSIGN REBATES TO APPLY TOWARD YOUR FAMILY'S TUITION!

In order to buy gift cards online, you must register with GLS using the following enrollment code: **161EL3L11993**. This code is assigned specifically to St.Thomas More Church/Ave Maria Academy. Register online at www.shopwithscrip.com and follow the prompts(see **ShopWithScrip/MyScripWallet** attachment). You can pay for your order by pre-registering your bank debit card or using your credit card (Visa, Mastercard or Discover, only). The fee for a debit card order is \$0.15 per order and the credit card fee is 2.6% of your order total.

ALL ONLINE ORDERS (Ecards, reloadable cards and shipped physical cards) MUST BE PREPAID WHEN ORDERING.

TUITION CREDIT PERIODS (Ave Maria Academy)

The program year runs from April-March. Credit is applied to tuition balances 3 times per year; no cash refunds are given to school families

Purchases made from:	Will be credited via FACTS in:
April-August	October
Sept-December	January
January-March	April

Additionally, a statement of credits earned will be sent to families for each period.

See Tuition Remission for Catholic High School form for specific details on handling of tuition credits.

We hope you take full advantage of this opportunity to reduce your annual tuition cost. Remember, you get the full value of the gift card you purchase at the specific vendor. In other words, it doesn't cost you anymore than you would spend otherwise and you are saving money off your tuition bill. Questions? Bill Trozzo 412 874-6071

God Bless, Be Safe, and Have A Great School Year!

STM GIFT CARD ORDER FORM

ID Number: _____

NAME: _____ / _____ Date: _____

Payment: Credit Card Cash Check #

Credit: STM Operations School Family _____

STM School Orders: Pick-up - School _____ Phone: _____
Send w/ child - Grade _____

Rebate	Credit	Vendor	Value	Quantity	Amount
10%		Atrias	\$10		\$
8%		Barnes & Noble	\$10		\$
10%		Bob Evans	\$10		\$
10%		Chipotle	\$10		\$
10%		Dicks	\$25		\$
9%		Eat 'N Park	\$10		\$
5%		Giant Eagle	\$10		\$
			\$25		\$
			\$100		\$
20%		Hand & Stone	\$50		\$
4%		Home Depot	\$25		\$
20%		Honey Baked Ham	\$25		\$
5%		Kohl's	\$25		\$
			\$100		\$
10%		Macy's	\$25		\$
8%		Olive Garden	\$25		\$
8%		Panera Bread	\$10		\$
8%		Red Robin	\$25		\$
5%		Shop 'n Save	\$25		\$
			\$100		\$
7%		Starbucks	\$10		\$
2.5%		Target	\$25		\$
9%~		T.G.I. Fridays	\$25		\$
2.5%		Wal Mart	\$25		\$
			\$100		\$

TOTAL \$ _____

*School Family credit is reduced by Tuition Remission Allowance
Checks payable to STM Certificate Fund
Please to show photo identification with check purchases.
Order filled by: _____ #Max \$200 sent home
8/23/2020

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5%		Shop 'n Save	\$25		\$
			\$100		\$
7%		Starbucks	\$10		\$
2.5%		Target	\$25		\$
9%~		T.G.I. Fridays	\$25		\$
2.5%		Wal Mart	\$25		\$
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8/23/2020



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A FAITH COMMUNITY OF ROMAN CATHOLICS

126 FORT COUCH ROAD • PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15241-1094
TEL: (412) 833-0031 • FAX: (412) 833-5995

St. Thomas More Gift Card Program

The St. Thomas More Gift Card Program offers the opportunity to purchase gift cards from a variety of vendors. The church pays a discounted value for the cards, agreed upon by the retailer. The church then sells the cards to the purchaser, at face value. The difference is the discount, or rebate. If you purchase gift cards from St. Thomas More, you agree to donate this discount/rebate to St. Thomas More. This donation is tax-deductible. A portion of the discount may be used for tuition remission. The tuition remission portion is NOT tax-deductible.

In order to comply with IRS regulations, the Diocese of Pittsburgh requires that everyone participating in the St. Thomas More Gift Card Program have a Retail Rebate Agreement form on file with the church.

If your form is not on file, you cannot receive tuition remission or a tax-deduction.

If you have not already done so, please fill out, **SIGN**, and date the attached Retail Rebate Agreement, and return to the St. Thomas More Parish office.

If you are a non-parishioner participating in the program, a completed Agreement form must be on file in order for you to receive an end-of-year statement for your tax records.

This program is run by volunteers of St. Thomas More as a fundraiser. The money raised by the program that is not used for tuition remission is used to help pay the mortgage on the Family Life Center Building, which includes the Ave Maria Academy.

Please make a copy of this agreement for your personal file.



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Retail Rebate Agreement

I/we as purchaser(s) of the gift cards that are subject to this Agreement hereby agree and determine as follows:
Please initial one selected choice:

_____ 1. I/we hereby designate 100% of the discounts or rebates received as a result of the gift cards that I/we purchase under this Agreement as a contribution to St. Thomas More Parish. This contribution is tax deductible under section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code, subject to satisfaction of applicable substantiation requirements.

_____ 2. I/we hereby designate the tuition remission portion (60%) of the discounts or rebates received as a result of the gift cards that I/we purchase under this agreement to be credited to the tuition account of: (student/family name)

_____ .
This designation is not tax deductible. The remaining percent is to be given as a contribution to St. Thomas More Parish. This contribution portion is tax deductible.

This election will remain in effect for all purchases made on or after the day of this Agreement. This Agreement may be modified by signing a new retail rebate agreement. If option #2 is selected, this Agreement becomes void when the specified student leaves the school. If you have questions about other options, please contact the Parish Office.

If purchases are made by check, the purchaser agrees to indemnify the scrip company and St. Thomas More for any losses resulting from insufficient funds in the purchaser's account necessary to pay for the retail gift cards.

Signature(s) of Purchaser(s) _____

Printed Name (s) _____ Date _____

_____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Signature of Authorized Representative of St. Thomas More Parish/Ave Maria Academy:

_____ Date _____

STM Office Use Only: PDS updated? _____ PDS ID Number of Purchaser _____

St. Thomas More Gift Card Program
Tuition Remission for Catholic High School

Catholic education is valued at St. Thomas More. For families who send their children to a Catholic high school, tuition remission through the Gift Card program is available to defray the cost. Gift card purchases made from April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021 apply to the 2020-2021 school year.

- You will be mailed a statement of purchases and credits 3 times per year (in Sep, Jan & Apr).
- Included will be a check in the amount of your tuition credits, made out to the Catholic high school or school finance company (i.e. SMART Tuition), as designated by you.
- You submit the check along with any additional payment as part of your regular payment procedure to the Catholic high school.

IMPORTANT: Tuition aid can only be applied to tuition payments. Money is never given on a credit balance.

*The application below **MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED EACH SCHOOL YEAR** to participate. Please submit (via e-mail or hard copy) to Katie Shea, c/o STM Parish Office (ktnowalk@aol.com 412-835-5510)*

STM Gift Card Program

Catholic High School Tuition Credit

Family Information Form – 2020-2021

Date: _____

Parent's Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Child(ren) Name(s)(first & last): _____

Grade Level(s): _____

Catholic High School: _____

Check should be made out to:

___ Catholic High School (indicated above) OR

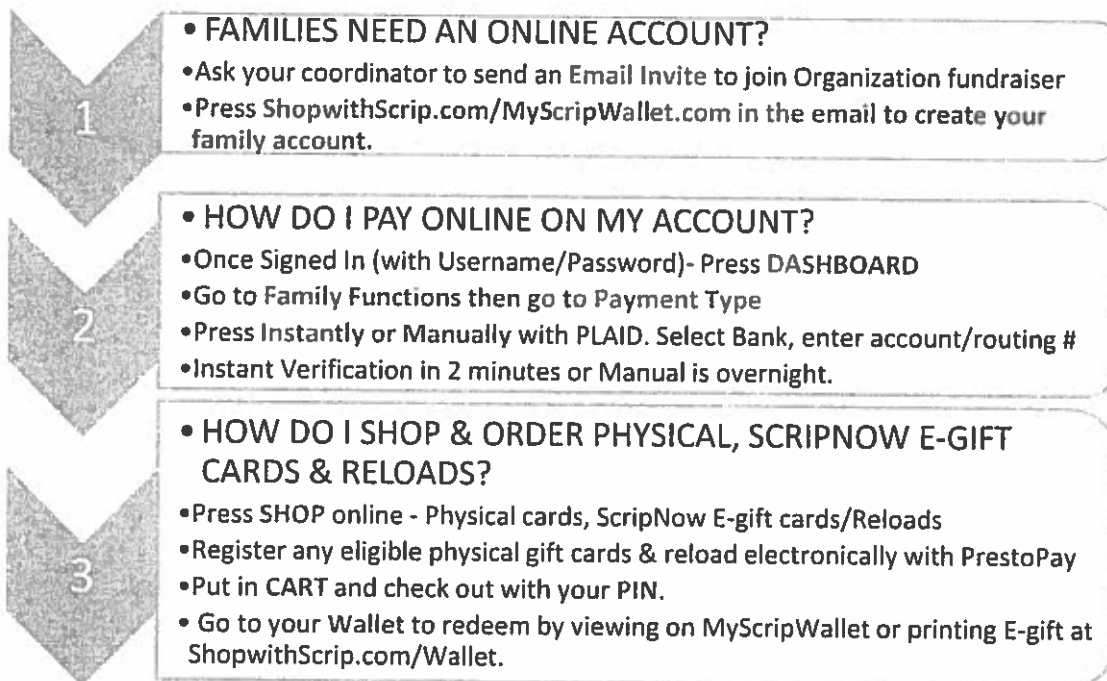
___ School Finance Company _____ (ex: SMART Tuition)

****** When purchasing gift cards, remember to mark "High School" and the child's first and last name on the "School Family" line of the order form. ******

Get READY to EARN BIG REBATES

Programs could earn up to 35% more going online

Getting your families to use the ONLINE ORDERING EXPERIENCE
Easy as 1-2-3



Coordinators will still need to release any physical card orders (families will pre-pay for the physical cards online) and those orders will be in the ORDER QUEUE waiting for the Coordinator to release those orders.



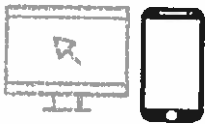
MyScripWallet™

Earn every day on ShopWithScrip.com or the mobile website, MyScripWallet.com

With two places to shop, you can conveniently order and manage your physical gift cards, reloadable gift cards, and eGift cards (ScripNow®) whenever you need to.



Easily order and earn on-the-go with our mobile website



Join your Program by creating a family account at www.ShopWithScrip.com or on a cell phone at www.MyScripWallet.com



Set up your **ONLINE PAYMENT** - go to **Payment Type** on the Dashboard
Instantly link your checking or savings to your account.

How it works

Sign In and Shop the Retailers 

What type of gift card do you want?

Physical gift card 

ScripNow electronic gift card 

Register/Reload a physical card in your Wallet 

Check out at the cart  and insert PIN to submit the order

Start earning today

1. Join our program by creating an account on MyScripWallet.com or ShopWithScrip.com.
2. Enter our organization's enrollment code:
3. Link your bank account to enroll in online payments and place your first order.

Have a question? Contact our coordinator at: _____

