

RESURRECTION PARISH/AVE MARIA ACADEMY GIFT CARD PROGRAM

This update to the Gift Card Program is effective August 1, 2021. Over the years, 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 the St. Thomas More Church Office and 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 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 the St. Thomas More Church Office: attention Katie Shea. These forms are available on the parish and school websites, and at both campuses of Ave Maria Academy.

Gift Card Order Forms are available at the St. Thomas More Church Office at the AMA school offices.

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 may be used immediately. You can also order physical cards that will be submitted to GLS on the 15th of each month. The cards will be available for pickup the following week at the St. Thomas More Church office. The 60% tuition credit is also applicable to the online orders.

PLEASE NOTE that Giant Eagle, the most popular program vendor, is now available as an Ecard or reloadable. Also, the rebate is only 4% for online orders vs. 5% for regular orders 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 GIFT CARDS AND ASSIGN THE REBATES TO APPLY TOWARD YOUR TUITION!

In order to buy gift cards online, you must register with GLS using a special enrollment code. This code is assigned specifically to St. Thomas More Church/Ave Maria Academy. Please contact the church or school directly for the enrollment code. Register online at www.shopwithscrip.com and follow the prompts (see ShowWithScrip/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 ORDERED.**

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.

Purchase made from:	Will be credited via FACTS in:
April-September	October
October-December	January
January-March	April

Additional, 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 word, it doesn't cost you anymore than you would spend otherwise and you are **SAVING** money from your tuition bill. Questions, please contact Bill Trozzo at 412-874-6071.

God bless, be safe, and have a great school year!



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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 Resurrection 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 assigned percentages, (please see attached list for percentages according to retail vendor) 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 Resurrection 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 Resurrection 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 Resurrection Parish/Ave Maria Achademy:

_____ Date _____

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

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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. ****

ID Number: _____

Resurrection Parish Gift Card Order Form

NAME: _____ / _____
First Last

Date: _____

Payment: Credit Card _____ Cash _____ Check # _____

Credit: Parish Operations _____ School Family _____

Pick-up – BP Campus _____ Phone: _____
MTL Campus _____ Send w/ child – Grade _____ BP/MTL

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	_____	\$ _____
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 Resurrection Certificate Fund

Please to show photo identification with check purchases.

Order filled by: _____ #Max \$200 sent home

3/18/2021