

All About T.R.I.P. (Tuition Reduction Incentive Plan)

The TRIP program is an important fundraiser at Sarnia Christian School that runs all during the school year. **All parents are expected to participate in the TRIP program.** Extended family and friends are also encouraged to use the program!

Would you be willing to help Sarnia Christian School raise \$21,528 and also save \$200 (or more) off of your tuition annually?

The Tuition Reduction Incentive Plan (TRIP) is a gift certificate purchasing program in which the school can raise money, at no cost to yourself. Gift certificates are purchased in bulk, and in return, the school earns a percentage of the face value of the gift certificates. The school keeps 60% of this as revenue and gives 40% back to the individual family in the form of a tuition reduction.

If every family used the TRIP program to purchase their gas and groceries (both necessary expenses), the savings can accumulate to a significant amount.

Assuming every family spends approximately \$100 on gas and \$100 on groceries a week:

	Weekly				Annually	
	Week	Rate	You Save	School Saves	You Save	School Saves
Groceries	\$ 100.00	5%	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 104.00	\$ 156.00
Gas	\$ 100.00	5%	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 104.00	\$ 156.00
Per Family					\$ 208.00	\$ 312.00
69 families						\$ 21,528.00

Q – Do all gift certificates earn a 5% return?

A – No. Gift card percentages range from 1% - 20% return. For this example, Superstore, No Frills, ValueMart, grocery stores were used, offering 5% return. Gas purchased at Superstore will also earn 5%.

Q – Can friends and family members allocate their TRIP dollars to an individual’s tuition?

A – YES! Anyone who uses the TRIP program will be asked if they would like to support a specific family.

Q – Can I only get coupons for the stores listed above?

A – NO! Gift cards are available for a variety of grocery stores, restaurants, gas stations and other retailers both in Sarnia and in London/Windsor. Please contact the school office for a detailed list.

Q – How do I order a gift card?

A – There are three ways:

1. You can fill out an order form during TRIP hours at the school on Mondays from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.,
2. or in the office during school hours,
3. or by sending in a form and payment with a student. We will then fill the order and either send it back in your child’s backpack, or leave it with the office for you to come in and pick up at your convenience.

Q – What payment methods are accepted?

A – Cash or cheques made payable to LCSS.