



NEW PROGRAM

**Reduce your
tuition by
purchasing
gift cards!**

Tuition credits earned to:

⇒ **your own personal account**

OR

⇒ **the account of another family**

Here's how it works:

- * Gift cards are purchased by you at face value. The school is given a discount and a percentage of the discount received is passed on to you in the form of a tuition reduction credit.
- * The TCS Tuition Assistance Fund credits earned for current families **MUST** be used in the following school year. (Since the program is starting January 2019, the credits will be used for the 2020-2021 school year).
- * Families intending to send their children to TCS may join the program prior to school enrolment. T.R.I.P. credits can be accumulated and applied in the first year your oldest child attends TCS.
- * **FAMILY AND FRIENDS may register their own TRIP account and designate credits to a specific family or families.**

How to Participate:

Do you shop at the same stores regularly? You have the option to place a "Standing Order" for gift cards you use regularly, making the program easier to use and reducing your wait times. Standing orders will be filled monthly or bi-monthly.

Here's how it works:

1. Fill out one standing order form
2. Include payment information for Pre-authorized Debit
3. Funds will be automatically withdrawn from your account on the 1st and/or 15th of each month and your gift cards will be available the following school day

Periodic Orders:

Complete an order form and have it, along with payment, (cash, cheque or debit) to the school office by **Monday @ 9 am** and your order will be back at the school office by the Friday of the same week.

Here's how it works:

1. Fill out an order form
2. Include payment by cash, cheque or debit
3. Your order will be placed on the following Monday and will be back in the office for pick up or arranged delivery the following Thursday.

NOTE— Orders are not made on short weeks (PA Days, holidays, etc.)

Direct Purchase:

Stop into the school office and purchase from a limited supply of cards any time during their office hours. Pay with cash, cheque or debit.

Stop in the office at Ebenezer CRC and purchase from a limited supply of cards. Pay cash or cheque.

We offer Gift Cards from retailers such as:

No Frills, Independent Grocers, Sobeys, FreshCo, Food Town, Metro, Wal-mart, M&M Meats, Giant Tiger

Tim Horton, McDonalds Starbucks, Ultimate Dining

Esso, Ultramar, Shell Petro-Canada, Pioneer

Canadian Tire, Home Depot Home Hardware, Lowe's

Winners, Home Sense Chapter's, Cineplex

Sport Check, Old Navy Payless Shoes, Toys R Us Mark's Work Warehouse Staples, Best Buy

AND MORE

Things to Remember:

- ⇒ Gift cards are purchased on your behalf and are not returnable.
- ⇒ Verify and report all gift card order errors within 24 hours.
- ⇒ NSF cheques will be charged a \$35 fee. Your privileges may then be limited to cash only.
- ⇒ Gift cards are the same as cash and should be handled accordingly. TCS will not be responsible for gift cards that are lost, stolen, or misplaced while in your possession.
- ⇒ Gift cards will only be released to a third party once the Gift Card Permission Form is received in the office. (ex. Your child)
- ⇒ Once per year, you will receive a tuition reduction certificate. You will need to sign the certificate and return it to the Finance Office to be applied to your account.
- ⇒ If your portion of tuition earnings is less than \$10 per year, it will be transferred to the school's tuition assistance account.

EXAMPLE— The 60/40 Split— You purchase a \$250 grocery card. From this purchase, the school receives \$10 with 60% of the \$10 going back into the TCS operating budget. With the remaining 40%, you may choose to reduce **YOUR** tuition costs or another family's tuition or designate the 40% to go into the school budget.

DID YOU KNOW...

If you spend \$100 on groceries and \$50 on gas each week for a year using gift cards, you would earn \$390 towards your next year's tuition.

Image how much more you could earn if your family and friends did the same and had the credit go to your tuition.

REMEMBER...

None of this cost extra money out of your pocket. Just sign up and start receiving your gift cards regularly.

