



Dear CKRS Parents and Guardians,

As Christmas quickly approaches, I am sure many of you are busy holiday shopping for those on your Christmas list. I want to **remind and encourage you to use our CKRS Tuition Incentive Program (TIP)** as a wonderful way to give to others, to give to our school and to offset your tuition for next year.

I am sure most of you are aware that there is a “gap” between what you pay in CKRS tuition and what the actual cost is of educating one of our students. This “gap” in tuition cost is covered not only by our generous supporting parishes but also through fundraising programs such as TIP and the Annual Fund. TIP and the Annual Goal make up the school’s Fundraising Goal, which is set by the CKRS School Board. This Fundraising Goal is an important and much needed aspect of the school budget. Utilizing TIP helps to raise necessary funds that directly benefit our school and students.

Upon buying into any TIP program, 50% of the "vendor rebate" goes directly to the CKRS Fundraising Goal, 40% goes towards your tuition for the 2013-14 school year and the remaining 10% goes to the PTA to support the activities and programs they sponsor to benefit our school community. **Using SCRIP, Zip Scrip and Grocery Certificates to buy goods, gifts and services you would normally purchase anyway is truly a win-win situation**, in that it helps to reduce your tuition, gives needed revenue to the school and supports the PTA which does so much for our students and school in general.

**If you have never used the TIP Program, this is a perfect time of year to get started!** Almost everyone buys certificates to give as gifts. We have a multitude of vendors to choose from both nationally and locally. There are only two more order periods left for **Scrip: Tuesday, 12/11 and 12/18**. Certificates will be delivered on the Friday following the order. **ZipScrip and Grocery Certificates are available every day**. All the necessary forms come home in the Brown Envelope and are available online.

Please consider using the Gift Certificate Program and encourage other family members to order certificates through you. **This year CKRS families received up to \$800 off their tuition from using the program the previous year. You too can reduce your tuition! You just have to participate!**

So, if you are like me, and your time is precious, especially at this time of year, what could be easier than using CKRS as your One-Stop-Shop for all your gift certificate needs? I thank you for taking the time to read this important email. I hope you can see the importance of this program and help to boost Holiday sales this season! **Please contact either Marybeth McCann (856-577-9586) or Cheryl Paporone (856-795-3258)** if you need more information or help with your ordering.

Wishing you all the best and brightest of days ahead,

Mrs. Hartman

