



Family Fundraising Guide

Dear St. John's Family,

This guide was developed to aid you in understanding the various programs that are offered to assist you in meeting your tuition obligation at St. John the Baptist School. It describes the various financial assistance and fundraising programs currently available and general 'Free Money' Programs that St. John's participates in to further enhance your child's education. Please take a few minutes and see what programs are available for you to reduce your current tuition obligation and provide additional money and resources for your student and all the students at St. John the Baptist School. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the person listed for more information. We are here to help.

Sincerely,

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1.) School Fundraising Programs

According to Diocese of Pittsburgh policy, only 60% of the annual school budget can be derived from tuition payments, 25% must come from parish subsidy and 10-15% has to be raised through fundraising efforts. Based on parental input, we instituted a fundraising fee that is added to the base tuition. To meet our Diocesan fundraising obligation, we implemented three major fundraising drives. Any tuition credits will be credited to your account and will be reflected in your monthly tuition statement. Depending on the timing of the fundraisers, it may take up to 2 months for the credit to be in your account.

A.) Fall Magazine Sale

The Fall Magazine sale runs for two weeks in September. By selling magazine subscriptions and renewals, families will a percentage of individual sales as tuition credit.

Contact: *Mrs. Peg Pahlman* at 412-793-0555 x324.

B.) Lucky Lottery Calendars

Each family is given three lottery calendars to buy themselves or sell for \$25 each. The lottery calendar is valid every day for an entire year and the winnings range from \$25-\$500 depending on the day. The number is based on the evening PA Daily Number. Families will earn \$5.00 tuition credit for each calendar sold. Parents can volunteer to sell the lottery calendars at St. John's at the end of mass or at other local area churches based on a predetermined schedule. You will receive the \$5.00 tuition credit for each calendar sold after the mass you volunteered to work the table.

Contact: *Gina Bauerle* at the Development Office at 412-793-4511 x255.

C.) Easter Candy Sale

The Easter Candy Sale runs in the spring with delivery of the candy in time for Easter. Families will receive a percentage of individual sales as tuition credit.

Contact: *Mrs. Marie DiLonardo* at 412-793-0555 x327.

2.) Financial Assistance

The Diocese of Pittsburgh offers financial assistance through the following programs:

A.) The Bishop's Education Fund

B.) Scholastic Opportunities Scholarship

Forms for both programs become available in February and are due in March.

C.) St. John's Father Bartley Angel Fund

The Fr. Bartley Angel Fund is distributed through St. John's Parish to families who have completed the financial assistance applications for the Diocese as mentioned above.

Contact: Financial Assistance programs: *School Office* at 412-793-0555.

G.) Athletic Association Fundraisers

The Athletic Association sponsors a Night at the Races fundraiser in January or February. Concession stands at the various sports events are also manned by the Athletic Association. The money raised helps to pay for uniforms, gym rental, scoreboards and referee fees.

Contact: *Athletic Association* at 412-793-0555

H.) Kids Helping Kids

This is fund used to help families in need within our school, parish and community. Money is raised by the 4th grade throughout the year by Dress Down Days and bake sales.

Contact: *Mrs. Peg Pahlman* at 412-793-0555 x324

I.) 8th Grade Class Trip Fundraisers

The 8th grade class holds various fundraisers to help fund their end of year class trip. These fundraisers include: theme dances, lollipop sales and wreath sales.

Contact: *Mrs. Lina Zwastetzky* at 412-793-0555 x330

J.) School Store

A school store is open during the school week and sells St. John the Baptist clothing and other school supply items. The money raised goes to the general school budget.

Contact: *School Office* at 412-793-0555

K.) Other School Fundraisers

Throughout the year, the school holds general fundraisers to meet the school's fundraising obligation as set by the Diocese with the proceeds going directly to the school budget with no tuition credit given. Previous general fundraisers have included a Cash Bash and a Golf Outing.

Contact: *School Office* at 412-793-0555

5.) Miscellaneous Fundraisers

Each department and organization holds various simple fundraisers throughout the year to enhance the educational experience for the students.

A.) PTG Fall/Spring Fundraisers

The PTG holds two major fundraisers per year, receive 5% of the Market Day profit that is earned and sponsor Dress Down Days to fund the various activities they hold and the extra items that they pay for.

Contact: *PTG Board.*

B.) Book Fair

Once a year, the library holds a Book Fair where families have the opportunity to purchase a variety of books and other high quality items. The proceeds of the Book Fair go to the library to purchase additional books and other education resources for the students and teachers.

Contact: *Mrs. Hildegard Gray at 412-793-0555 x247.*

C.) Lenten Fish Fry

St. John's holds a Fish Fry on one Friday during the Lenten season with the proceeds going to the general school budget. Every family is asked to participate in the fish fry by either helping to prepare the food, set up, working the fish fry, clean-up or baking goodies for the bake sale.

Contact: *School Office at 412-793-0555.*

D.) Lenten Pasta Dinner

St. John's holds a Pasta Dinner on one Friday during the Lenten season with the proceeds going to the general school budget. Every family is asked to participate in the pasta dinner by either helping to prepare the food, set up, working the pasta dinner, clean-up or baking goodies for the bake sale.

Contact: *School Office at 412-793-0555.*

E.) Dress Down Days

Periodically through-out the school year, students will have the opportunity to pay a nominal fee (\$.50 - \$1.00) for the privilege of wearing outfits other than their uniforms to school on a designated Dress Down Day. The fee paid for this privilege is given to the department or organization that sponsoring the Dress Down day. In the past the money raised was given to the music Department, Kids Helping Kids, the library, the PTG etc. Please refer to the St. John's Parent-Student Handbook for the guidelines for Dress Down Days.

Contact: *School Office at 412-793-0555.*

F.) Scholastic/Firefly Book Orders

Periodically your child's teacher will send home booklets to order books and other materials for your own use. The teachers earn credits for free books and materials with every order sent in.

Contact: *Home Room Teacher*

3.) Additional Tuition Reduction Opportunities

We have additional tuition reduction opportunities that families are encouraged to participate in to further reduce their tuition expenses. Each of these programs are run by parent volunteers. Please consider volunteering to help with these programs so that we can continue to offer them to St. John's families.

A.) Scrip Program

Scrips or gift cards, can be purchased through the school for several national and local retail stores, services, restaurants, grocery stores and gas stations. Scrips can be used to purchase goods and services just like any other gift card that you would purchase at the store. By purchasing these Scrips through the school, you will receive percentage of the amount of your Scrip as a tuition credit. For example, if you purchase a \$100 Giant Eagle Scrip which has a 3% tuition credit, you will receive a \$3 credit on your tuition account. It is important to note that if you purchase a \$100 Scrip you will receive the full \$100 value, the tuition credit percentage associated with that Scrip is paid for by the company that the Scrip is from. Scrips can be ordered on Monday's through the order forms sent home in the Friday Folder and are delivered on Thursday. You can have the Scrips sent home to you in the Friday Folder of that week or you can pick them up in the Church Rectory on Thursday of that week. There are also a limited number of local store and restaurant Scrips available for immediate purchase at the Rectory. **TIP:** *You can get BOTH tuition credit and Giant Eagle FuelPerks by buying Giant Eagle Scrips through the school to earn tuition credit then use these Scrips to buy other gift cards you need at Giant Eagle and earn your FuelPerks!*

Contact: *School Office at 412-793-0555.*

B.) Markey Day

Each month families have the opportunity to purchase high quality food, including meats, frozen food, breakfast and snack items from the Market Day program. Families will receive a tuition credit in the amount of 5% of their Market Day order. In addition, the PTG will also receive 5%. Orders can be placed via the internet at www.marketday.com or via completed paper order forms returned to school to the attention of Market Day. On the designated pick-up day, (the schedule of monthly pick-up days are distributed at the beginning of school) families pick-up their order in the St. John's cafeteria and pay for their order if they did not pre-pay by credit card online. At the designated pick-up, families will be given a paper voucher receipt which shows the 5% tuition credit that will be posted to your tuition account. **Contact:** *Marlene Mariuzza at 412-795-7184 or Gina Bauerle at 412-795-5863.*

C.) OneCause

OneCause is an online shopping mall with hundreds of popular stores to choose from such as Target, Lands End and Disney. By shopping online via the OneCause website, families can earn tuition credits. The amount of tuition credit is a percentage of your order and the percentages vary depending on the

stores. The tuition credit is paid for by the store that you shopped at. Families can log onto www.onecause.com and register your purchases to be credited to your family at St. John's. One check is issued directly to St. John's on a quarterly basis that includes the tuition credits for every family that shopped at Schoolpop during the previous quarter, provided that the check is for \$25 or more. If the check is for less than \$25, then credits will remain at OneCause until the \$25 limit is met. A breakdown of each family's credits is included with the checks. **TIP:** *Check to see if St. John's offers Scrips for the stores you like to shop through and if so purchase Scrips to pay for your online order this way you receive both the OneCause tuition credit and the Scrip tuition credit. Also check to see if the stores you shop through allow gift cards to be used for purchasing items online.*

Contact: Kathy Edmundson at 412-798-4692.

4.) "Free Money" Programs

We have several programs that earn money or free educational items for the school with little or no effort. Below are the program descriptions and how to participate. Any money earned goes directly to the schools budget and the free educational items are ordered by the teachers. Every family is strongly encouraged to participate in these programs since they help to provide many "extras" that the students enjoy. We usually raise a couple of thousand dollars and thousands of points that the teachers redeem for educational materials.

A.) Box Tops for Education

Box Tops are "coupons" that are worth \$.10 each and are found on most General Mills, Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, Ziploc, Kleenex and Hefty products. St. John's collects these "coupons" and sends them into Box Tops. We then receive checks twice a year. We routinely raise over \$1000 for the school to be used at the principal's discretion.

B.) Campbell's Labels for Education

St. John's also collects the UPC symbols from all Campbell's, Pepperidge Farm and Prego products. We are able to submit these UPC codes to the Campbell's company and receive free education items such as gym equipment, computers, audio-visual equipment, books, etc. The items are chosen by the teachers.

C.) Tyson Project A+

We collect the top strip of all Tyson chicken product bags. Each strip is worth \$.24. The strips are sent into the Tyson Company and St. John's receives a check that is used at the principal's discretion.

D.) Target-Take Charge of Education

Parents can link their Target Charge Card to St. John's and we receive 1% of everything you charge from Target. To link your Target charge card to St. John's, log onto www.target.com/tcoe, click on Find/Designate your school, St.

John's school code is 15174. We routinely receive over \$1000 per year from Target. The checks received are used at the principal's discretion.

E.) Giant Eagle-Apples for the Students

Parents can link their Giant Eagle Advantage Card to St. John's and we receive points for every purchase that you make at Giant Eagle. At the end of the program year (usually March), we are provided with our points total and the teachers redeem the points for educational materials such as audio-visual equipment and gym equipment. The program begins in October. To register your card for St. John's log onto www.gianteagle.com, click on Education Support underneath Community Events and follow the directions to register. St. John's code is 1091.

F.) Charitable Cartridge Recycling

St. John's collects empty ink cartridges and old cell phones and redeems them for computer supplies for the school.

G.) Paper Retriever Paper Recycling

All St. John's families are asked to deposit newspapers, junk mail etc. into the yellow & green bins in the parking lot. We earn money for every ton that is collected and recycled. We usually receive over \$2000 per year from this program. Please no plastic, plastic bags, phone books or glass.

H.) Carnegie Cash for Schools

St. John's benefits for every New, Renewal or Gift membership that is purchased to the Four Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh in our name. Our school earns \$5 for each renewal and \$10 for each new membership. You can purchase or renew your Carnegie Museum Membership in one of three ways:

- 1.) Join online at <http://members.carnegiemuseums.org/stjohn>
- 2.) Visit the membership desk at the museums or
- 3.) Call 412-622-3314 and ask that your purchase be credited to St. John the Baptist as a Carnegie Cash for Schools participant. Membership to the Carnegie Museum System entitles you to free admission to Carnegie Museum of Art, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, The Andy Warhol Museum, and Carnegie Science Center (including UPMC SportsWorks and Laser Shows)

I.) Shop-N-Save Seed Program

We collect Shop-N-Save receipts and send them into Shop-N-Save and receive free science assemblies in return. In the past we have received enough receipts to hold two free assemblies per year.