

## Dollars for Scholars Information Packet (2023-24 School Year)

Dollars for Scholars is the gift card purchasing program for OLPH and a significant source of fundraising income for our school. It is important to know that tuition alone does not cover the full cost to support the quality of education we provide for each student. This program enables us to keep tuition lower and consistent for all of our families, both parish and non-parish families.

Dollars for Scholars offers physical gift cards for groceries, retail stores, and restaurants. OLPH purchases these cards in bulk at a discount, also known as a “rebate.” Families then buy them at face value. We also participate electronically at RaiseRight.com. The website/app provides eGift cards that can be purchased anytime for hundreds of stores and available for use immediately.

***Gift card order forms, volunteer sign-ups, and any other additional information can be found on the website: [www.olphbeth.org/parents/dollars-for-scholars/](http://www.olphbeth.org/parents/dollars-for-scholars/)***

Each family is provided with an acknowledgement form to choose 1 of the following 3 options to fulfill their requirement. This form must be submitted by 9/10/22 with each family’s choice.

### **1. Buy-Out Option:**

You can choose to pay \$500 by 10/13/23 by submitting a check payable to OLPH HSA or if no check is received, \$500 will be deducted from your STS account by 11/15/23.

### **2. Basic Obligation Option:**

You must purchase \$2,500 in gift cards during the time period of 5/1/23 through 4/30/24.

If you have *NOT* met your obligation in full by the deadline, and no attempt has been made to resolve your outstanding balance, the full buy-out fee of \$500 with a \$100 late fee will be automatically drafted from your STS account by May 20, 2023. If you no longer have an STS account (child graduates or leaves OLPH) you will be required to pay \$600 in cash or check by 5/20/24. This fee will be charged regardless of any gift cards purchased throughout the year.

Families will receive statements throughout the year in their student’s correspondence folder indicating status and purchases. Families can also review purchases through their RaiseRight account.

### **3. Tuition Reimbursement Program Option:**

You have the ability to earn future tuition credit if you volunteer throughout the year. Tuition credit will start to accumulate once you purchase at least \$2,500 in gift certificates, attend any mandatory information sessions, and earn 10 service points (either filling gift card sales and/or HSA event points). Once these requirements have been met, participants will earn 40% of the rebate offered by each gift card. These rebates are indicated on the order form and on RaiseRight.com. Tuition credit earned will be applied the following school year (8<sup>th</sup> grade families will receive credit to their Catholic High School tuition).

Families will receive statements throughout the year in their student’s correspondence folder indicating status, purchases, and volunteer service points. Families can also review purchases through their RaiseRight account.

# Tuition Reimbursement Program 2023-24 School Year

## Requirements:

- You need to purchase at least \$2,500 in gift cards to qualify
- You need 10 volunteer points to qualify (either filling gift card sales and/or HSA event points, any combination of points will be eligible)

## Points Breakdown:

- Points received from filling gift cards
  - Shifts are available 4:30-6:15pm Saturday, 7:45–9:45am and 9:45–11:45am Sunday (times subject to change)
  - 1 point per shift, per person, shifts are tracked via sign-up genius & by the gift card team
  - Training sessions required for new volunteers
- Points received from HSA events
  - 1 point = 1 volunteer shift at an HSA event
  - Only HSA-sponsored events qualify for points (Cougar Crawl, Bingo, Santa Shop, Tricky Tray, Gertrude Hawk; excludes carline, recess, & lunch volunteer times)
  - Shifts/donations are tracked via sign-up genius & by the event chairs

## Volunteer Rewards Program:

Our most dedicated volunteers will earn automatic points:

- Super Chair Status = 10 points:  
HSA Board members, Tricky Tray co-chairs, Cougar Crawl co-chairs
- Regular Chair Status = 6 points:  
Bingo chair, Secret Santa chair, all Tricky Tray committee chairs
- Designated Committee Member = 4 points:  
Tricky Tray canvassing committee members, Cougar Crawl committee members, Christ in Action chair, (list of qualifying members would be approved by the Super Chair)

## Tuition Earnings Example:

Family buys \$100 in weekly groceries & a few extras  
\$3,500 Giant (@10% rebate = \$350 earned)  
\$2,500 Wegmans (@5% rebate = \$125 earned)  
\$200 Wiz Kids/Bayou (@20% = \$40 earned)  
\$200 Panera (@8% = \$16 earned)

Student Tuition Credit for following year = \$212  
OLPH earnings = \$319  
"It really adds up with very little effort!"

\*Please email [olphgiftcards@olphbeth.org](mailto:olphgiftcards@olphbeth.org) if you have  
any questions regarding the program or scan here:

