

TRIP Newsletter - for the week of March 1, 2010

****Please re-enroll** for the new TRIP year by March 17th. Enrollment forms will be available at pick up and on-line at the school's website under resources.

****On-line ordering** will be available when TRIP reopens on March 18th. Watch for additional information coming by email.

Vendor Updates

Wilson Garden Center -We have an opportunity to purchase Wilson Garden Center gift certificates for just two weeks in March 2010. Wilson Garden Center will not be added to the TRIP order form.

The gift cards are available in a \$25 denomination with a \$4.50 TRIP credit.

The dates to order Wilson are March 18/19 and March 25/26 only.

The special Wilson Garden Center order form will be on the table at pick up.

A separate check is required at the time of the order made payable to St. Francis TRIP.

All orders received on both dates will be available at pick up on March 31, 2011.

Mark your calendars!

- The last day to place an order for the 2009-2010 TRIP year will be **February 26th**.
- Pick up only **March 5th** while TRIP is closed for year-end balancing.
- TRIP closed for year-end balancing from **March 6th – March 17th**.
- The 2010-2011 TRIP year begins **March 18th** with regular drop off.
- Regular drop off/pick up **March 25th /26th**
- **Wednesday, March 31st pick up only**
- **TRIP closed April 1st-10th** for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Great Lakes Scrip Center's Spring Break
- Regular drop off **April 15th /16th**
- Regular pick up/drop off **April 22nd /23rd**

Newark Catholic Families,

The accounting department will forward a list of families to Newark Catholic with TRIP accumulated totals by family. Newark Catholic will make the appropriate accounting entry to your account based on their accounting procedures. Please contact Newark Catholic directly for information regarding your tuition account as their processes and procedures may vary from those at St. Francis.

Please note: if you have elected to have your TRIP accumulations go towards reducing the cost of tuition (yours personally or via donation to another family) then your contributions are not considered charitable contributions to the church. The IRS requires the accountant to certify that "no goods or services were provided in exchange for any contribution". In the case of TRIP deductions, you or the family donated to is receiving a service in exchange for the tuition payment. If you elect to have all of your contributions donated to Parish Charities, then your accumulated contributions would be tax deductible. If you have any questions, please contact Amber at amccracken@stfrancisparish.net or at extension 235.

Questions about TRIP?

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