

ST. THERESE GROCERY CARD PROGRAM



Welcome to the 2008 – 2009 school year!

This note is regarding one of the **mandatory** fundraisers - the Grocery Card Program. This fundraiser runs all year (July through June) and is the easiest fundraiser in which to participate. You "get what you pay for" ... it is a dollar-for-dollar transaction. Each family is required to purchase \$3600 of cards per year. This averages \$300/month, but you have all year to satisfy the \$3600 obligation. Simply write a check to St. Therese School for the dollar amount of cards you wish to purchase, and in exchange, you will receive that amount in cards. The stores give St. Therese 5% of the gross card sales. Friends, neighbors and family members can purchase cards as well. Make sure they note your name on the form to credit your obligation properly.

Grocery cards are available from 5 stores in a variety of denominations as indicated on the forms. They are readily available for purchase via the following methods:

- Before and after school each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and on Friday mornings. (There are no sales at all on Mondays and Friday afternoons.)
Each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, you will find people selling before school (in the lower lot, usually with a sign on their car) and after school (in the upper lot, or inside the gym if the weather is not cooperative.) Each Friday there will also be someone selling in the lower lot in the morning, but there will be no sales in the afternoon.
- School folder each Wednesday.
You may send orders through your child's folder any day, but they will be filled and returned to you only on Wednesday. For example, if the order is sent in on Friday, it will not be returned until the following Wednesday.
- Weekend masses (5:00pm on Saturdays, 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 am on Sundays)
At each mass, you will find a parent volunteer with a basket either standing outside or just inside the side doors of the Church. Give the form and payment to the volunteer. Your order will be filled during mass and handed to you on your way out.

We will also accommodate any special orders (orders in excess \$750). We need approximately 1 week for the order to arrive. Please contact me directly to place those orders.

Forms are available from the volunteer sellers, in the school office and on the website. Forms will also be sent home periodically through your child's folder.

If you choose not to participate in the program, the buyout cost is \$300. *The partial buyout for those who participate and fall short of the \$3600 obligation is also changing this year.* You will be responsible for the % shortfall as applied to the \$300 buyout. For example, if your total purchases for the year are \$2400 (67% of the \$3600 total obligation) you will be billed \$100 (33% of the \$300 total buyout). You will receive statements periodically tracking your progress but contact me if you would like to know your balance at any time.

Thanks in advance your participation. I look forward to another great fundraising year. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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