

St. Paul School and Parish offer several tuition assistance programs to help you with tuition costs. A brief description of each program is presented here. If you have any questions, please contact the school office at (330) 494 – 0223 or e-mail Mrs. Jackie Zufall, principal, at jzufall@stpaulncanton.org. We are available to answer your questions and assist you with tuition needs.

Saint Paul School Tuition Assistance Fund

Through a generously funded tuition assistance program, grants are available to **families who are members of St. Paul's Parish with children attending St. Paul School.** To qualify for tuition assistance, parents are asked to fill out a St. Paul Private School Aid Service (PSAS) application form. This form is available in the school and parish offices and can also be accessed on the school website (www.stpaulncanton.org). All applications are reviewed by an independent company and the results are given directly to Deacon Ron Reolfi and Monsignor James Clarke to ensure your privacy. It is to your advantage to turn your PSAS form in as soon as possible, but there is no deadline. Please read the accompanying page detailing the procedure for obtaining tuition assistance.

Youngstown Diocesan Catholic School Scholarship Fund

In honor of Mary Ellen Cushwa Wolsonovich

Last year, two, \$500 scholarships were offered to St. Paul School families through the Youngstown Diocesan Catholic School Scholarship Fund. To qualify for this need – based scholarship, parents are asked to fill out a DOY Private School Aid Service (PSAS) form. The deadline for this scholarship application is March 14, 2009. Anyone may apply for this scholarship.

Did you know.....?

.. The St. Paul School tuition assistance fund has almost \$100K available for families needing help with tuition costs?

.. You can charge your tuition on your Mastercard or Visa and earn incentive points? You are charged the 2% fee that the bank charges us to provide this service.

Saint Paul School REFERRAL PROGRAM

You can receive a \$250 tuition discount per child for referring new families to St. Paul School. Here's how it works:

- 1 "Talk up" St. Paul school to an interested family. Give them brochures (available in the school office) and refer them to our school website: www.stpaulncanton.org.
- 2 Fill out the referral form included in this mailing and return it to the school office. This will tell us which family you referred to us. We'll send them info about SPS and invite them to school events.
- 3 When the newly registered family names you as the person who referred them, we'll give you \$250 off of your tuition for each attending child for their first year of enrollment.

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MARKET DAY Tuition Savings

Market Day savings are available to our school parents. Savings from your Market Day purchases are deducted from your tuition for even more discounts on tuition.

SCRIP

SCRIP (gift cards) can save you hundreds, even thousands of tuition dollars each year. We offer you the opportunity to purchase SCRIP here at St. Paul School every Tuesday. The rectory stocks SCRIP for Giant Eagle, Acme, Marathon and Speedway as well.

Using SCRIP is the same as shopping with gift cards. The gift cards are purchased by you through St. Paul School, then you use them at the grocery store, mall, for entertainment, and even for travel and business. A percentage of each purchased gift card is used to reduce your tuition costs for the following year. If you have a child who will not be enrolled in St. Paul School for years to come, you can save your SCRIP leading up to the entry year. All accounting for your tuition savings is done for you. Visit the SCRIP website to see which vendors are available: www.shopwithscrip.com. Sign up sheets, fee information (\$25) and details are available in the school office.

Some St. Paul School families are reducing their tuition by \$600 - \$1,000+ per year using SCRIP. One family earned over \$4,000 in SCRIP for their tuition! Read their SCRIP HINTS:

“ [the] grandparents..help out by buying SCRIP as much as they can. They buy gas cards, grocery cards, restaurants and drugstore cards...We checked last summer before our vacation to see if we could use hotel gift certificate...Marriott was great!...Kohl’s will let you pay your store’s credit card (with SCRIP), plus get 4-5% back towards tuition.”

“ I’m very lucky that my mother buys hundreds, even thousands [of SCRIP] each week or so. That way I can ‘buy’ them off of her. My brother also has a business that requires a lot of supplies from Home Depot. We think like this: with every \$100 Giant Eagle card used we get \$4.00 off tuition and \$12.00 off gas..that is \$16.00 back to us, you can’t beat it!. The biggest help is that the rectory usually has some there that you can buy that day and you don’t have to wait a week for them to come in.”

“ I use Marriott Gift cards for all of my husband’s travel. People are always going on trips and with SCRIP you don’t have credit card debt.”

“ Make a log for a month to see where you shop and how often. You can purchase in small increments, i.e. we are all going to shop for Christmas so I start buying extra cards for \$25 in Sept and by Dec I have my cards to spend and no credit card payments after Christmas.”

“ Starbucks and Panera give a big return on your dollar. You should never be without grocery or gas cards. That is just not efficient as you will always need both. SCRIP is a mind set/strategy and if people think it through it is well worth it.”