

## **Helpful Tips for Utilizing T.R.I.P.**

### **1. Do the Checkbook Challenge**

Want to know how much you can save with T.R.I.P.? Print out your latest bank statement/check book register/credit card statement. Then look online at [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) at the Retailers offered. Highlight all the ones you could have purchased through T.R.I.P. and add up what you could have saved. And remember, this is only one month! Use your past purchases to help you buy for the future.

### **2. Plan ahead for purchases**

Since TRIP orders are fulfilled weekly it's easy to look ahead on your calendar and plan for future purchases. Purchase gift cards now to go shopping with later. Know how much you spend on groceries in a week or on gas? Purchase those items weekly so you are never caught short. Weekly buying helps you keep a budget and be good stewards of your money.

### **3. Involve family, friends and co-workers**

You can order for anyone, making it easy to involve family, friends and co-workers. Simply send their checks in with yours. The great thing is they don't have to buy anything they don't normally purchase – they can just buy it with gift cards and help you earn toward your child's tuition. They can even Register themselves with the school and place their own orders. All they need to do is indicate your account as the designation for the savings.

### **4. Watch for the bonus discounts!**

Scrip is constantly sending out updates for special bonus deals from different retailers and that's a great time to buy big. Know how much you need in supplies from Staples in a year? Wait for the bonus deals and buy for the whole year. You can also sign up at [www.GLScrip.com](http://www.GLScrip.com) to receive updates via email for up to the minute bonus sales and new vendors. You logon, click What's New and enter your email information under Email Subscription to receive updates. It's free, you don't receive any junk email and you'll know the specials ahead of time!

### **5. Utilize an array of retailers**

With thousands of companies to choose from, don't limit yourself! Check in at [www.GLScrip.com](http://www.GLScrip.com) and look at all the retailers available. This program is utilized all over the country. You can see travel deals, retailers you can use in other states, as well as helpful hints. Out of state family and friends can use our program to help you save as well. (Look online at [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) too.

### **Be diligent in your usage of the program**

The more you utilize the program, the greater your rewards. You have complete control over how much you save – so plan ahead and use the program often. When your Tuition Savings Statement comes out and you see the rewards for your efforts you'll know your planning was worth it.

### **7. Learn Retailers rules/restrictions**

Check in at [www.GLScrip.com](http://www.GLScrip.com) and take a look at all the retailers available. Check rules of usage by looking up the Retailer in the alphabetical listing provided. Does this before you buy to ensure it's the best purchase for your needs.

### **8. Let us know if we can help you in any way**

We are here for you, so if you have questions or comments let us know. We want this program to be a great benefit to everyone at GCCS. We realize that not everyone will be able to save thousands of dollars on their tuition but we are here to help you make this program the best it can be for your family. Contact one of our parent volunteers, Cheryl Baugess at [baugessc@hotmail.com](mailto:baugessc@hotmail.com)