

STM CATHOLIC GROCERY PROGRAM

The Grocery Program is a necessity for STM Catholic, helping with the school's budget raising over \$40,000 a year. According to the *Parent/Student Handbook*, **each family is expected to participate in the Grocery program.** Policy #5040.

GROCERY PROGRAM CHANGE EFFECTIVE 7/1/17

Over the last year and a half, the Grocery/Scrip committee has done a re-evaluation of the Grocery program and the Scrip program. This was prompted by the low participation in the Scrip program. They reached out to other Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Denver that were using the same or similar programs to see how they were run and the numbers they were bringing in. After careful research and analysis, along with communication with our school administration, it was determined that beginning this year we would eliminate the Scrip program and increase the rebate/opt out for the Grocery Program.

FAQs...

How do I fulfill my expectation as a family? Use your Grocery Card to achieve at least a \$250 rebate or Opt-out, a one-time \$250 donation. *If you use the Grocery Card and are not able to reach the \$250 rebate you may write a check to the school for the remainder prior to the last day of school.*

Which grocery stores participate in the Grocery Cards? King Soopers and Safeway

How do I purchase a reloadable Grocery Card? Fill out the attached form, specify King Soopers and/or Safeway, attach a check for \$10 per card and turn into the main office. You will then receive your card(s) pre-loaded with \$10.

How do the Grocery Cards work? Load the card with your preferred payment method at any store register, gas station kiosk or customer service desk. Then when you purchase your groceries, use the card like you would a gift card.

How many Grocery Cards may I use? You may purchase one or more cards from STM Catholic School that can be reloaded at any King Soopers or Safeway at any time. It works for anyone...purchase one for you, your spouse, parents, neighbors or friends!

How do I know where I stand to meet the \$250 rebate per school year? You will receive an email statement twice during the school year to let you know where you stand towards the minimum and be given the opportunity to opt out or write a check for the remainder.

How much is returned to STM Catholic from the Grocery Cards? 5% of the amount loaded onto the cards is returned to STM Catholic School by Safeway and King Soopers.

How do I know if my card is active? Go to any store register, gas station kiosk or customer service desk and ask to check the balance on your card. Any cards with a zero balance for 30 days or more, will be automatically inactivated by King Soopers and Safeway. A new card will need to be purchased from STM Catholic, we are unable to re-activate cards.

What is the cutoff date for the school year? The Grocery Program runs 7/1/18-06/30/19.

What if we do not want to use the Grocery Cards? If for whatever reason your family wishes to not participate, you may send in a check for \$250 as an opt-out donation. This will fulfill your obligation per the *Parent/Student Handbook* Policy #5040.

Need Help? Feel free to contact us anytime at grocery@stthomasmore.org

GROCERY PROGRAM PARTICIPATION FORM

PLEASE ONLY FILL OUT IF YOU DO NOT HAVE AN ACTIVE GROCERY CARD PURCHASED THROUGH STM CATHOLIC.

LAST NAME _____

(STUDENT'S LAST NAME (IF DIFFERENT) _____)

YOUNGEST STUDENT'S FIRST NAME _____

TEACHER/GRADE _____

PURCHASE RELOADABLE CARD(S) (\$10.00 per card)

King Soopers card(s) – How many cards? _____

Safeway card(s) – How many cards? _____

Cards will be available for pickup at Back to School Night

OPT-OUT \$250

PLEASE RETURN FORM AND CHECK (MADE PAYABLE TO STM CATHOLIC) TO THE MAIN OFFICE

NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 2:00PM.

HI _____ CK# _____