

Dear Families of CCS students and Supporters of Christian Education,

Calvin Christian School has a continual fundraiser that is very easy to use. It is called Tuition Reduction Incentive Plan (TRIP). This fundraiser can be used two different ways. You can designate a family to benefit from your purchases or you can have you donation go directly into the general operating budget of Calvin Christian Blaine or Calvin Christian High School.

TRIP is a program that was developed by a company called Great Lakes Scrip out of Grand Rapids, MI. It was designed to help private schools or organizations raise money. You place your orders on the website [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). Enter the information that is in the attached handout and start donating. Great Lakes Script is a clearinghouse that sells gift cards to a variety of places (a complete list is also attached). Gift cards ordered through this site will give a percentage back to you, your designated family or Calvin's general fund (i.e. Cub grocery stores give back 2%, Super America give back 4%, Home Depot and Menards give back 2%). The list of gift cards is always growing. Percentages are continually changing, especially during the holiday season. This program has been around for many years. Some schools raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for their school. We have not been as successful at Calvin. I am not sure why? It seems like a no brainer to me. I hardly ever shop with out TRIP cards. Calvin is always looking for ways to help keep tuition down and here is an easy way to do this. Please read through the attached handouts and give me a call with any questions.

Last year between friends, family and myself I was able to reduce my tuition by \$380.00 by using TRIP for everyday purchases. That was huge for me! My goal is \$400.00 this year.

Thanks,

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