



Ascension School
601 Van Buren St.
Oak Park, IL 60304

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Fundraising Commitment 2007-2008

What is a Fundraising Commitment?

Each Ascension School family has a required fundraising fee to help offset tuition costs for all Ascension students. There are four major fundraising programs that help families raise money toward this requirement. Families may opt to pay their fundraising requirement in one lump sum or pay it out over time through fundraising credit rebates offered by the major fundraising programs listed below. Once the fundraising obligation has been met, families may continue to earn credit dollars, which are split (50/50) between the school

How Much?

The fundraising requirements have not been increased for the 2007-08 school year! Fees will remain at the same levels as the last several years. The dollar requirement is determined by the grade of the oldest and/or only child, plus an additional \$25 per child in each family:

PK 3 & PK 4	\$100 (+)
Kindergarten	\$150 (+)
Grades 1-8	\$225 (+)

Credits are accrued and applied toward the Commitment based on percentage rebates from participating merchants in the following four Ascension fundraising programs.

Four Fundraising Commitment Programs

Shopping Certificates:

Purchase gift cards and certificates and use them like cash at favorite national and local retailers. The certificates are purchased at a discounted rate by the Shopping Certificate program and sold at face value. The difference goes to the school family's Fundraising Commitment.

Use certificates for routine purchases as well as gifts, special occasions, vacations and special projects around the home or office. Certificates are available at the Parish Office during regular business hours and at church after 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday masses. Orders received by 9:00 a.m. Monday via the plastic family envelope are delivered by Tuesday p.m.

Market Day:

Receive 8% rebate on total Market Day purchases each month. Fill out an order form (through school or in church lobby) or order on line at www.marketday.com. Market Day offers high quality foods in generous quantities at great, affordable prices.

Schoolpop.com:

Schoolpop is America's #1 tuition crediting and nontraditional fundraising program. With Schoolpop, earn contributions to the Fundraising Commitment all year long by shopping, safely and securely, at hundreds of name-brand merchants and service providers online, in stores, through catalogs, or with the Schoolpop Visa credit card. Receive up to 30% rebate on all purchases.

Also encourage family and friends to register and choose Ascension as their benefit school. Their purchases will be applied toward the family's account and they will maximize their fundraising efforts.

Market Basket:

Ascension is pleased to announce that with the start of this school year 2007-2008, purchases will earn up to a 20% rebate towards the Fundraising Commitment. More specific details on the percentage rebate will be provided on the order form.

The mission of the Market Basket program is to provide an avenue for supporting and enhancing healthy lifestyles for the entire Ascension community.

Program Updates in Shop & Earn Newsletter

Read the Shop & Earn newsletter in the Wednesday school mailing for program updates and for ideas on how to use all the Fundraising Commitment programs. Shop & Earn will also report on how the

success of the programs helps to reduce tuition costs and support the educational needs of Ascension School's students.

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How to Calculate:

Oldest Child

PK 3 & PK 4 \$100 (+)

Kindergarten \$150 (+)

Grades 1-8 \$225 (+)

Plus \$25 for each additional child

Monthly Fundraising Reports

Families receive monthly fundraising statements with their tuition bills. This statement tracks the participation and year to date status of the families' Fundraising Commitment. Two times a year (December and April) families will receive an invoice or credit depending on the financial status of the Commitment:

December: Families who have earned less than 50% of their obligation will be billed the first half of their obligation minus any credits earned. Families who have earned their total obligation

will received a credit off their tuition using their excess credit dollars.

April: Families will either be billed for any fundraising dollars owed or credited for dollars earned through their participation.

The fundraising calendar year for the 2007-2008 school year is April 24, 2007 – April 18th, 2008. Final balances earned and owed will be distributed on the May 1, 2008 tuition bill.

“Once the Fundraising Commitment has been met, families may continue to earn credit dollars, which are split (50/50) between the school and families at the end of the year.”

Fundraising Commitment Programs Procedures

Shopping Certificates

• How to Place an Order

1. Use the Shopping Certificate Order Form to place all orders. Please write dollar amount of each certificate requested.
2. Include name, oldest/only child's room # and date on each order form.
3. Use the Shopping Certificate plastic envelope-with neon green label supplied to each school family for all transactions via school. This envelope is provided after the first order. (Use an ordinary envelope for the first order.) Place envelope in child's backpack.
4. Orders must be prepaid. Make checks payable to Ascension Shopping Certificates.

• Orders can be placed/picked up:

School: Through school via your plastic family envelope. Orders received by 9am Monday will be delivered by Tuesday p.m. that same week
Parish Center: Mon-Fri: between 8:30am-3:30 pm
After Mass: Sunday Mass: After 9am or 11am.

• Processing of Orders

Orders are processed weekly

• In House Stock and Special Orders

Many popular certificates are kept on hand for immediate fulfillment, while others can be ordered. (These are separated on the order form.) Stock up on certificates for shops regularly visited and services frequently used. If spending the money anyway, make it count for the Fundraising Commitment and Ascension School!

• For more information on merchants

If a retailer is not on the order form; check out www.mannagroup.net for a full list. Note: The % on the website is 1% higher than Ascension's due to administrative costs. Also, reach out to a Shopping Certificates contact person, to the left, to ask if a particular vendor can be included.

Contact Information:

Shopping Certificates:

- Norine Mullins 383-0621
- Jean Bowling 763-8152
jeanbowling@sbcglobal.net
- Margaret Lyons 524-9270

Schoolpop.com

- Linda Loftus 383-4297
LTABL@Comcast.net

MarketDay

- Joanna Cundari 386-7372
- Anne Brennan 524-8271

Market Basket

- amarketbasket@hotmail.com
- Tari Delisi 383-6305
- Mindy Dillon 386-2813

Shop & Earn Newsletter

- Anne Weber 848-4938
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Schoolpop.com

1. Log on to www.schoolpop.com
2. Register: choose Ascension as recipient. ID#102695 or search by school name

3. Download the Schoolpop Shopping Buddy™ to make sure all purchases benefit Ascension's fundraising .

MarketDay or

1. Fill out an order form (through school or in church lobby) and return by due date on form or

2. Log on to www.marketday.com. Ascension's ID is #3186

Market Basket

Fill out Market Basket Order Form
 Order forms provided through the Wednesday Mailing, school website at www.ascension-

school.com or by contacting amarketbasket@hotmail.com. Pick-up is the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month after school. Home delivery is available.