

St. Pius Handy Cash Questions & Answers

Q. Just what is the "St. Pius Handy Cash" program?

A. The "St. Pius Handy Cash" program is a certificate program in which everyone - St. Pius families, grandparents, friends, neighbors, and even out-of-town relatives - can participate. St. Pius X School purchases certificates/gift cards in bulk at a discounted price from national merchants and then resells them at face value to you. You, the buyer, pay and receive face value for the certificates/gift cards.

Q. What are the benefits to purchasing Handy Cash and how does St. Pius make a profit?

A. This answer is simple because this program is a win-win situation for both families and for the school! The certificates/cards are bought in bulk at discounts ranging anywhere from about 2 to 20 percent. The certificates/cards are then sold to you at face value. The discounts represent St. Pius' profit. For example, St. Pius purchases Sears gift cards at a 6% discount. When you buy \$100 worth of Sears gift cards from the school, St. Pius makes \$6.00. So by planning ahead and buying certificates/cards for businesses you normally frequent, you can help St. Pius raise money. And it costs you absolutely nothing!

Q. What are certificates/gift cards?

A. Participating merchants issue store certificates or gift cards that are redeemable the same as cash. These certificates are good for purchases, and in some cases, paying on in-store charge cards. In many instances, the certificates and gift cards are identical to store gift certificates/cards. They are better than checks because you don't need an I.D.

Q. In what denominations do the certificates/cards come? How much do I have to buy?

A. The certificates/cards come in denominations from \$1 to \$100. The denominations available from each participating merchant are shown on the attached order form. You may purchase as many or as few as you choose!

Q. Which stores participate in the program?

A. Participating merchants are located on the order form.

Q. Can I use "cents-off coupons" or "discount coupons" to buy sale items with the certificates/cards?

A. YES! Feel free to shop the specials and practice all your money saving techniques. The certificates don't restrict you at all.

Q. What is a St. Pius Handy Cash gift certificate?

A. You can purchase a gift certificate in any denomination. The bearer of this certificate may redeem it for any participating merchant's gift certificate/card. (Suggestion: These make great gifts for teachers and coaches.)

- Q. Do I have to be associated with St. Pius to purchase or use the certificates/cards?
- A. No. Anyone can use or purchase the certificates/cards from St. Pius, and they can be used anywhere that the participating merchant has a store.
- Q. How do I get involved in the program?
- A. There are two ways to purchase the certificates/cards.
1. You can buy in person anytime between 9:00am and 2:30pm from the stock on hand.
 2. You can send in an order through your child any school day. Simply complete and return an order form with your payment to the school office. Checks are payable to St. Pius X School. The certificates/cards will be sent home in an envelope with your oldest child.
- Q. When do I receive the certificates/cards?
- A. Most certificates/cards are on hand and immediately available. Those, which have to be ordered, will be available within 2-3 days.
- Q. How often can I buy the certificates/cards?
- A. The St. Pius' Handy Cash program is intended to be a year-round program that will provide a regular income to the school. There is no limitation to the number or amount of certificates/cards that you can buy. The more you purchase the more money that St. Pius makes from participating merchants.
- Q. Are there expiration dates for the certificates/cards?
- A. Yes, some of the certificates have expiration dates, but they tend to be generous. Most expire a year after issuance.
- Q. Are certificates/cards good everywhere?
- A. Yes, the certificates/cards are redeemable at any store of the participating merchant across the United States. (Suggestion: They make wonderful gifts for birthdays, holidays, and for out-of-town family and friends.)
- Q. Do I need to do anything special to redeem the certificates/cards?
- A. No, the certificates/cards can be used the same as cash. You may on occasion be asked to sign some certificates.
- Q. If I have any other questions, whom can I contact?
- A. Send a note with your child in an envelope addressed to Susan Tice. Be sure to include your telephone number. A call will be returned to you within 24 hours.