



NEW St. Mary RaiseRight (Scrip) Program Information

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to announce that we will be using the Scrip program to help us eliminate some of our fundraisers. Scrip is a nationwide program that allows you to "fundraise" while you shop for your everyday items. You buy gift cards for over 780 retailers you already shop at and earn a rebate on every gift card you purchase. That rebate goes right to our School. Each family will be required to generate \$250 in Scrip profit. All profits generated beyond the \$250 requirement can be used to offset your tuition costs for the following school year. The Scrip Program year runs from May 1 through April 30.

Participation in the Scrip program is easy! First, simply place your order for gift cards online each week or even daily. Scrip cards can also be reloaded or purchased instantly online and available for immediate use. You use the cards instead of cash/credit for everyday expenses like groceries (Woodman's, Sendik's, Meijer, Pick N Save, Piggly Wiggly), gas (Mobil, Kwik Trip, Speedway), etc. Second, once you earn the required profit amount for the school, every additional dollar of profit you earn is yours to apply to your tuition bill for the following school year. If you do not meet the full profit requirement by April 30th, you will be billed in May for the remaining balance. It is a win-win program for everyone! NOTE: You can choose to opt out of the scrip program and we will bill you via Smart Tuition for the \$250.

To Get Started: Please see the packet of information provided in your Wednesday packet for details. If you are new to the scrip program, you will need to register online at www.shopwithscrip.com, which is the program we utilize for all Scrip purchases and record keeping. Our Scrip Program buys our gift cards from the Great Lakes Scrip Center. We have also negotiated with some local businesses (Shelly's Hallmark, Woodman's, Su Casa) to buy gift cards directly from them for our school families. We are lucky to have such generous local businesses willing to sell us these cards at a discount.

What else do you need to know to get started?

1. ***What is profit?*** Each card has a specific profit/rebate amount ranging from 2%-20%. If you buy a \$100 Sendiks card, which has a 5% rebate, the profit earned is \$5.
2. ***How much do you need to spend to earn \$250 in profit?*** You will need to purchase about \$4,250 in Scrip if you average a 5% profit. This can be easily done by using Scrip for your grocery and gas purchases alone.
3. Great Lakes Scrip offers hundreds of additional cards for you to purchase online. Some have restrictions; be sure to check the details if you have a special use in mind for the card or a large purchase, because cards cannot be returned.
4. Online orders must be entered and paid for via Presto Pay by Mondays at 8am. If you have a signed "Scrip Delivery Waiver of Claim Form" on file in the school office, the cards will be sent home in Kid Mail on Wednesdays. Alternately, you may pick up your Scrip order in person when it is available at the school's front desk.

Requirements:

You are required to earn \$250 in profit for the school. However, if you would rather not participate, you may "opt out" of the program by indicating your preference on the 'Scrip Program Agreement'. We will in turn bill you the \$250 via Smart Tuition.

If you are new to this program, we have step-by-step instructions to get your started. If you have specific questions regarding the Scrip program, please feel free to contact Jerry Esser, the Scrip Coordinator, at jerryesser@sbcglobal.net.

Sincerely,

Linda Joyner
Principal