



St. Mary Scrip Program Information

July 1, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The St. Mary Parish School Scrip Program is in place to help families offset tuition costs by approximately \$250/year. We also use the scrip program to assist in keeping the number of fundraisers to a minimum. Scrip is a nationwide fundraiser that allows non-profit organizations to purchase select retailer cards at a discount, and then sell them at full price to raise money for their organization. The Scrip Program year runs from May 1 through April 30.

Why should you participate in the Scrip Program? First, it is easy! 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, 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 remit a check for the \$250 to cover your required amount.

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 (Sendik's, 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:

If your oldest/only child is in **K4-8th grade, you are required to earn \$250 in scrip profit** for the school. However, if you would rather not participate, you may "opt out" of the program by sending a check payable to "St. Mary Parish School" to the Parish Business Office for \$250. A form is enclosed for you to sign if you would like to opt out of the program.

If your oldest/only child is in K3, you do not have a profit requirement, but are still encouraged to participate.

Please note that families whose youngest/only child is in 8th grade will need to meet the \$250 profit requirement. Failure to meet the requirement will result in a \$250 charge on your May tuition bill and must be paid in full prior to graduation.

Please take time to read through the helpful information provided in your Wednesday packets during the school year. Step by step instructions are provided with this letter. If you have any specific questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,
Jerry Esser
St. Mary Parish Scrip Coordinator