



SCRIP

Tuition Rewards

Program

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What is SCRIP?

SCRIP is a MANDATORY fundraising program for St. Catharine and ALL families must participate.

We offer a buy-out option for those who chose not to participate. Please see the last page of this packet for information regarding the buy-out.

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Please contact Cristina with any questions!**

How does SCRIP work?

You simply purchase gift cards to any of the retailers we participate with for your everyday shopping, and you receive a percentage of the purchase of each gift card into your SCRIP account. The program is the easiest fundraiser to participate in, because all you have to do is by gift cards for the shopping you do and you earn the school money!

How much do I have to earn?

**K-8, including 5 day Pre-K must earn \$125.00 in credit.
Pre-K (3 day only) must earn \$75.00 in credit.**

How are the percentages calculated?

Percentages vary by retailer. They are listed on the order form.

EXAMPLE: Giant Food Stores is 5%. St. Catharine's purchases a \$100 gift card from Giant for \$95. You purchase the gift card from the SCRIP program for the full \$100 face value. St. Catharine's keeps half (\$2.50) toward the subsidy that is sent to school, and the other half goes towards your credit in your SCRIP account (\$2.50 credit).

Can I track my SCRIP account?

Yes. On the school website, there are instructions on how to create an account to track your earnings.

What if I don't make my quota?

You will pay the difference of the buy-out. If you only earned \$100 credit, rather than the required \$125 credit, we will deduct that \$100 from the buy-out cost of \$400. This fee must be paid by the first week of May or it will be charged to your FACTS account in May of the current school year.

What if I go over my quota?

Great! That money will come off of your following year's tuition, in addition to the required \$125 that will also be deducted from your following year's tuition!

Where can I buy SCRIP?

SCRIP is available at the school office, the parish center, and at all masses at the SCRIP table in the back of the church. You can also send an order into school with your child and it will be sent home that day or the following with them.

How can I pay for SCRIP?

Cash or check made out to St. Catharine of Siena.

Credit cards are NOT accepted at this time.

When does the program run?

May 1st thru April 30th

What is Great Lakes Scrip?

Great Lakes is an additional way to purchase SCRIP. It is an online company that offers over 300 brands, including department stores, hotels, restaurants and many more. To purchase through this site, go to www.shopwithscrip.com, and create an account (Please call office or email scripprogramscs@gmail.com for code). There is a place to add the student or family that you are buying for – so anyone can do this! Family members that live far away can easily contribute to your account by shopping this way! Once you create your account, you can set up PrestoPay, which is a secure way to pay by check online. There are a few ways to receive your cards through this site:

1 – You can place the order and pay through PrestoPay OR send your payment into school. Orders this way are placed every two weeks (weekly during holidays – check the website for order dates). Your order will arrive at school and will go home with your child, or you can pick it up.

2 – You can order ScripNow (requires PrestoPay use). These are electronic gift cards that you can either print out from your computer, or use a supplied code for online shopping.

3 – You can use a tool called MyScripWallet, which is designed to be used from your mobile device. It operates like an app (however, it is not downloaded from an app store). Any ScripNow purchases you make will show in your “wallet”, and the scan codes used to pay are available on it.

How are these purchases tracked?

You will always have access to your purchases on your shopwithscrip account, however, the earnings do not reflect the percentage we take for the fundraiser. If your reward shows you earned \$100, you need to divide that by 2, so your earning is actually \$50. The totals will be entered several times throughout the year on your school SCRIP account that you need to set up. *There are instructions on the website on how to utilize the various features of this website. If you need assistance setting up an account, please contact the SCRIP coordinator, or the school office.*

The KEY to meeting and surpassing your quota is to be consistent! Simply paying for your weekly groceries and gas will get you the

earnings required. Anything above and beyond is more money off tuition and more money earned for the school – it's a win-win!

SCRIP Program Failure to Comply Policy

Any family that does not earn the (K-8 and 5 day full day Pre-K) \$125.00 credit or (Pre-K 3 day) \$75.00 credit tuition reward will lose their tuition credit earned to date. You will also be charged the \$400.00 (K-8 and 5 day full day Pre-K) or \$200.00 (Pre-K 3 day) Buy-Out, minus the amount of tuition credit earned to date and that amount will be due by the first week in May or it will be charged to your FACTS account in May of the current year.

All financial obligations, including SCRIP, must be paid in full in order for students to receive their final report card.

- **For eighth grade students to participate in the Hershey Trip, Graduation Dinner Dance, Build-A-Bike and Graduation and to receive their final report card, all financial obligations, including SCRIP, must be paid in full.**
- **PreK and Kindergarten students to participate in the PreK Step-Up Day and Kindergarten Graduation and to receive their final report card, all financial obligations, including SCRIP, must be paid in full.**

Your family's choice to make the commitment to give your children a Catholic education is an important one. The SCRIP program is in place to keep tuition down and to fund improvements at SCS.