Dear GSCS Parents:

We are pleased to share some exciting news about a new fundraiser for GSCS that I discussed at back to school night. We are implementing this new fundraiser to help fund the school that your son/daughter attends. It is called "scrip" and it is fundraising while you shop, **no selling involved**. If you are already actively participating I thank you and GSCS thanks you; if not, please take a second look at participating.

Scrip is fundraising while you shop and you don't have to ask anyone to sell/purchase anything. You earn money for GSCS just by making regular household purchases, but instead of paying with cash or credit, you use prepaid cards from America's favorite and most trusted retailers. There are over 750 retailers that give between 2% - 16% of your purchase to GSCS at **no extra cost to you.** "What's the catch?" – If there is one – it's that families need to plan ahead a little and do their NORMAL shopping with prepaid cards.

Examples –

1) I need to purchase materials for a fence. I purchase a $500 gift card to Lowe's or Home Depot and use the card to purchase my items instead of paying with cash or credit and those companies will contribute directly to our school between 2% - 16% of my purchase.

2) I use the ACME, Giant or Food Lion to purchase my groceries – I purchase a prepaid card for $200 to use for my next grocery order and those companies will contribute directly to our school.

3) I use a prepaid card as a gift card – I give my nephew a $25 card to Applebee's as a gift for his birthday and Applebee's gives 8% directly to our school.

The beauty of scrip is that you put your regular household shopping dollars to work for your children. By simply planning ahead on everyday purchases like groceries, gas, restaurants, clothes, entertainment and home repair you earn money for your son/daughter's school without spending a single additional penny. This extra money will enhance the quality of education for your son/daughter. You **MUST** purchase your cards through GSCS and Great Lakes Scrip Center for us to get credit; you cannot go directly to the business.

You're probably still asking yourself how these stores help us raise money. It's simple – scrip participating retailers agree to sell prepaid/gift cards to our school at a discount. Member families like yours buy the cards at full face value but GSCS pays a discounted price for the card and GSCS keeps the difference as revenue. And Scrip is excited because everyone wins:

The retailer gets cash up front and repeat business
You get a powerful fundraising alternative that involves **NO Selling**
Our School gets a regular source of revenue

Sincerely,

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How do I order?

1) Order online: You may order online @ www.shopwithscrip.com . Please use the following code for GSCS when registering your family online **Code # BD4EDDFE7139 ;** however, when ordering online you still need to send your payment (check or money order made out to GSCS) to the attention of Mrs. Geppi at GSCS. This is because we do not have the capability to pay the company electronically; therefore, Scripnow, reload and reloadnow cards and presto pay will not work for us.
   - To register online go to www.shopwithscrip.com
   - Hit the register link top right (grey)
   - Join a Scrip program (middle page/left side)
   - Enrollment code **BD4EDDFE7139**
   - Fill out the required information (username, password, security questions, personal info)

2) If you have a reason that you cannot order online please contact me and I can provide order forms; however, there is a greater chance of error when I place it manually and online orders are preferred.

When can orders be placed?

1) Orders may be placed **online** at any time. This is the PREFERRED way to order. Only, if you do not have internet access your order may be hand delivered to GSCS main office at any time during school hours. **ALL ORDERS** must be placed and money received by 2:30 Mondays as I will place the bulk order after that time. It will take about 1 week for us to get the cards back and handed out.

2) **ALL (physical) cards** purchased will be delivered to GSCS to be dispersed, they will not be mailed directly to you. You will sign a receipt when you pick them up.

How and when do I pay for the prepaid/gift cards?

You MUST pay for the cards before your order will be placed. Please pay with check or money order made payable to GSCS. This program does not allow for payments to be made by credit card or electronically. If you do not **pay before Monday at 2:30** then your order will remain in your account for the next week's order.

How will I receive cards?

You have an information form that needs to be completed and returned to Mrs. Geppi via GSCS. Your phone number and email address are required for us to contact you regarding delivery information, bonus offers or any changes to the retailer list. You will pick your cards up at GSCS and sign a receipt when you do.

How will I know that the cards are ready for pickup?

We will email you verifying the cards have arrived and are ready for pickup

Order History

I have the ability to keep track of your rebate history (mandatory fundraising amount), but it is a good idea that you also keep track of it through your order history link.