

Major Retailers Want To Give Our School Money and now you can also earn \$\$\$ toward tuition/enrollment costs!

Dear St. John Parent:

We're pleased to share some exciting news about a new fundraising program for our organization. It's called "SCRIP", and it's the fundraising program that works while you shop.

SCRIP is simply a word that means "substitute money" – in other words, SCRIP is gift certificates from national and local retailers. They're the same gift certificates that you buy at the store. Many popular retailers participate in our SCRIP program including Kohls, The Gap, Shell, Red Lobster and many, many others.

You're probably asking yourself how these stores help us raise money. It's simple -- SCRIP participating retailers agree to sell gift certificates to our organization at a discount. Member families like yours buy the certificates for full face value, they redeem them for full face value, and our school keeps the difference as revenue. And SCRIP is exciting, because everybody 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.

The beauty of SCRIP is that you put your regular household shopping dollars to work. You earn money for our school without spending a single additional penny. Just spend your regular shopping dollars with SCRIP at the stores that participate in the SCRIP program! And SCRIP can be used for just about any household purchase including food, clothing, entertainment, gasoline and even dining out.

In addition to earning money that directly benefits our school through the programs offered by PTL we will now add the ability for your family to benefit from 50% of the profit earned off the SCRIP program when you buy SCRIP. These "family dollars" will be credited to your family at the beginning of the next school year. It's a savings account toward school costs for simply doing what you have to do every week...buy groceries, gas, etc.

Sincerely,

Kristyn Honemann, SCRIP Coordinator
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SCRIP Policy/Guidelines

- ◆ Orders will be taken on a weekly basis unless otherwise noted. Orders are due in by the end of the school day Wednesday of each week.
- ◆ Payment must accompany order in the form of cash or check made out to St. John PTL SCRIP. No debit or credit cards can be accepted.
- ◆ All orders, and payment, must be in a sealed envelope with the following information on the outside:
 - SCRIP
 - Child's Name
 - Child's Grade
- ◆ Orders are sent home with the designated child in their folders the following week as soon as the order is received and logged.
- ◆ In the rare event that there is a back order this will be indicated in your return envelope. The SCRIP is already ordered and cannot be rescinded. However, once it is mailed it will be sent home as soon as received regardless of the day of the week.
- ◆ "SCRIP" is gift certificates and is essentially money. It should be treated as such. St. John Lutheran School is not responsible for lost, stolen, or misplaced cards once they are delivered home with the child. If you feel this is a responsibility you do not wish for your child to have please contact the SCRIP Coordinator for other arrangements.
- ◆ SCRIP cannot be returned.
- ◆ SCRIP is not tax deductible as you get a dollar for dollar value.
- ◆ If you are interested in ordering SCRIP online, and foregoing the paper order form, please contact the SCRIP Coordinator at honemann@embarqmail.com for details.
- ◆ If you have questions about SCRIP contact the SCRIP Coordinator. Teachers, and school staff, are responsible only for getting the orders to the office and putting the filled orders back in student folders. They will not be able to answer your questions.

Family Dollars

- ◆ The SCRIP Coordinator will maintain a spreadsheet for each family who participates in ordering SCRIP. This spreadsheet will be on a computer and backed up on a flash drive for security purposes.
- ◆ A family will receive family dollars from their SCRIP purchases at a 50/50 split of the profit with St. John PTL.
Example:
A family places an order for \$300.00 worth of SCRIP and the profit is \$10.00. The family will receive \$5.00 toward their school costs and PTL will receive \$5.00.
- ◆ SCRIP purchased during the school year will be applied toward the following school year's enrollment fees.
- ◆ Family dollars will be paid directly to St. John Lutheran School from the St. John Lutheran School PTL SCRIP account prior to the beginning of the next school year.
- ◆ Friends and Family members who purchase SCRIP can also contribute to a family's account. On the order form they need to indicate to which family their contribution should be credited.