

## ***"GOT SCRIP?"***

Read below to find out about All Saints Catholic School's Fundraiser and start buying!

***What Is Scrip?*** Scrip is a term that means "substitute money". When you purchase scrip, you're purchasing negotiable gift certificates and prepaid cards that are used just like cash. You can use scrip to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, and other essentials, and with every purchase, you earn revenue for our organization. There are over 700 businesses that offer scrip gift certificates! Check out the full list at [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com) or pick up a list from any scrip seller. Some quotes from ASCS parents – "It's free money"; "It becomes a habit"; "I won't buy gas unless I have a scrip card"; "It's so easy, why wouldn't I buy it?"

***How does the Scrip program work?*** Great Lakes Scrip Center acts on behalf of our school to purchase large amounts of scrip from grocery stores, department stores, and other retailers. Because the scrip is purchased with cash up front, the participating retailers offer a substantial discount. Our school buys the scrip from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a discount, and re-sells the certificates to families like yours for full face value. The discount - from two to fifteen percent or more – is our organization's revenue.

***How much can purchasing Scrip earn for our School?*** Following are average amounts a typical family could spend in 1 month on everyday items:

Food at \$100/week x 4 =	\$400/month
Gas at \$50/week x 4 =	\$200/month
Clothing	\$50/month
Dining out	<u>\$50/month</u>
Total	\$700/month x 12 months = \$8400/year

The average Scrip percentage earning is 5%, so a typical family could earn **\$420** each year for our school! Our School has about 124 families. If each family bought Scrip for their average monthly expenses, that would be over **\$52,000** raised for our school! Our school also offers a 50% share in the earnings that can be applied towards your tuition. Tuition credits for 2011-2012 school year end on 12-31-11. Anything purchased after January 1, 2012 will be applied to 2012-2013 tuition. But scrip isn't just for earning tuition; it is a year-round school fundraiser. Buying Scrip on a regular basis helps offset school expenses, therefore, keeping tuition down. We ask that all families buy scrip, even if you've paid up your tuition. It's a simple and easy fundraiser.

***Do you have any Scrip on Hand?*** We keep some frequently purchased and local business scrip in stock. For a complete list, ask any scrip seller for a copy. It is our best intention to keep everything on the list in stock, but sometimes we can sell out before the new order comes in. So as not to deplete our stock items, we ask that large orders be ordered in advance (5 or more cards of one brand). Planning ahead is always the best way to ensure you get the cards you want when you want them.

***How can I purchase Scrip?*** Scrip can be purchased after all weekend Masses. It can be purchased at school anytime, but we ask that you try to stop in on Wednesday or Friday mornings when we have sellers available. Order forms can be sent home and returned with payment with your student. If the items are in stock, they will be returned the next day.

***How long does it take Scrip orders to come in?*** Scrip orders are submitted to the Great Lakes Scrip Center on Monday mornings. Any scrip order at school by 8:00 a.m. Monday morning should be available by Friday morning; many times sooner. Scrip orders can be picked up after all weekend Masses, in the school office, or sent home with your student. Just let us know when you submit your order.