



Holy Spirit Catholic School Scrip Program and Policy



WHAT IS SCRIP:

- Scrip is a program started by an archbishop in California to fund his schools. It has been used in Idaho Catholic Schools since the 1990's.
- A national program that makes arrangements with vendors on a national level.
- The stores give a percentage of our purchases to our school. So, the \$100 you spend for groceries, gas etc. at participating vendors generates a percentage to the school.
- It is the typical, normal gift card, sometimes a gift certificate. It can also be a card "reload" or printable "ScripNow" coupon. The cards are good all over the country, not just locally.

WHY:

- We are a private school....we always need money!
- Scrip generates money without asking us to spend extra cash; it is generated by money you are spending anyway.

HOW:

- Great Lakes Scrip Company negotiates with retailers for a percentage and denomination. A complete list of "retailers" can be found at ShopWithScrip.com
- We also will obtain Scrip with Fred Meyer. At this point neither WINCO nor COSTCO participate in Scrip programs.
- You pay \$25 for a \$25 gift card that is good for \$25 of merchandise.
- HSCS earns money when cards are purchased.
- If you purchase gift cards in store kiosks or end caps, this is the same concept except the rebates go to the school.

WHEN:

- Through weekly orders. Orders will be submitted on Monday and returned on set days (will be determined after our first few orders because we are not sure how long the mail will take). We will keep a supply of some of the more popular Scrip cards in the office. ScripNow and reloads can be done online with PrestoPay.
- Online at anytime. All of our school families will have an account through ShopWithScrip.com. Families can place online orders at anytime that will be combined with regular orders on Mondays.
- If families choose the PrestoPay option they can get ScripNow, reload on existing cards or use the "My Wallet" option which can be printed or loaded directly to a smart phone, within minutes.

WHO:

- Volunteer run! This program will be run by the PTC so we will need some volunteers to help with orders and distribution as the program develops.
- Any questions, please call Marie Smith at 244-2120 or Rebecca Rodriguez at 618-203-3288..

Watch the newsletter for more information.
We will schedule "Scrip Training" as soon as our program is completely set up.

Please plan to use Scrip for some of your holiday gift card purchases!!

FAQ's -- FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I pay for my order online? Yes!!! ShopWithScrip.com uses PrestoPay. It is the same system that many of the major companies use when processing debit and credit cards. But because we set it up to only take checking accounts, we are not charged the processing fee that other companies are charged. It is a very safe site. It is used across the country. Detailed instructions are available at the office kiosk and on our website. It is easy and saves us time and money!!

Is the Scrip store specific? Yes. **Does it expire?** Rarely. Some may have expiration dates, but usually very far in the future. Scrip is a gift card or gift certificate.

Can I use Scrip to make payments on my charge card accounts: (ie Macy's, JC Penneys...)?
No. These cards are accepted for merchandise purchases only.

How do you use Scrip for mail order or online purchases? It varies from store to store, but generally just read the serial numbers from the gift certificates when calling in your order or enter them in the appropriate space when ordering online, as you would a credit card.

Can Scrip be used at any of these stores anywhere? YES! As you can see from the list, these are all national stores and it is their corporation's decision to be part of this program on a national basis.

What about WinCo, and other stores not listed? A complete list of retailers can be found at ShopWithScrip.com. Retailers not on the list must be contacted and individual arrangements made to provide scrip. We have agreements with Fred Meyer. If you know of a local store that might be interested in Scrip, please contact the school.

Do we offer Scrip to the parish? Wyes, parishioners are eligible to purchase Scrip. We will eventually set up a schedule to offer it to the parishioners after Masses.

Can I offer Scrip to my friends, coworkers, neighbors, family? YES, YES!! That is the best idea. They can support the school without affecting their pockets. Just include them on your order form and have the check made out to HSCS. Order forms will be available on our website. Family members can also set up accounts and link them to a school family for credit. Contact a Scrip volunteer if you need assistance.

Can you get change back from the gift certificate or gift card? Each store has its own „change back“ policy, but the majority will give you cash back as long as the purchase is at least 80% of the value on a gift certificate. Most gift cards carry the change as a balance until the card is at “zero”.