



2014-2015 Scrip Highlights

What is SCRIP?

The SCRIP program is an ongoing fund raising program for our school and parish which last year generated **\$14,492** in profit. Gift cards and certificates from various merchants are purchased at a discount from face value. When resold at face value, the difference is the profit for the program.

How is the profit from SCRIP distributed?

Each customer can choose how the profit they generate is distributed. You can choose to direct all your profit to the school, all to the church, or if you have a student attending either Holy Spirit school or St. Thomas Aquinas, St. James or Bishop Miege high schools, you can get help (or help another family) with tuition, school lunches, or other education expenses by splitting the profit with the school or church. Our fiscal year runs from July 1 - June 30. The family profit is distributed at Orientation Day in August to those who have earned *at least* \$20 for the previous fiscal year (2013-14) and had a student enrolled for the previous school year (2013-14). Our SCRIP families earned a total of over **\$4,700** during our previous fiscal year. **Nineteen** families will each receive a check for over \$100! The school will receive more than **\$6,000** and the church more than **\$3,300**.

How do I participate in the SCRIP program?

SCRIP can be purchased at the SCRIP desk in the School of Religion Office (Christian Formation Office) Monday through Friday from 8 am – 4 pm (when staff is available) and after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses and *before* Sunday evening Mass. During the school year SCRIP is sold after school from 3:00 - 3:30 pm (**days for this year to be determined**). If an after school sales day falls on early dismissal days, SCRIP is sold for 30 minutes, beginning 15 minutes before dismissal. Checks and cash (exact amount) are accepted at the SCRIP desk.

Additionally, you can order SCRIP by sending an order and a check through school “backpack” mail to “SCRIP”, by dropping off an order and a check at the Parish or School Offices, or by sending an email to hsscrip@gmail.com.

What if SCRIP desk times are inconvenient or you forget to drop by?

You can also order online at www.shopwithscrip.com. Please email hsscrip@gmail.com for our enrollment code. Sign up for PrestoPay, and you can pay instantly, and have access to many gift cards immediately online. If not using PrestoPay, payment for online orders should be delivered to the School or Parish offices, or to the SCRIP desk, as soon as possible. Orders received by 3 pm, will be filled by 3 pm the following day (M-F), if the requested SCRIP card or certificate is in stock. Orders are placed with the supplier on Monday morning and are usually received by Wednesday; therefore, any customer special order received by 8 am on Monday should be available by Wednesday at 3 pm. Order forms can be found on the parish website, www.hscatholic.org, under the drop down menu for *Support Us*.

Why should I participate in SCRIP?

Buying SCRIP is one of the easiest ways you can raise money for our school and church. By purchasing SCRIP gift cards for places you already shop at, or by purchasing gift cards for gifts, you are helping to keep tuition costs down. Most of our gift cards do not have expiration dates or non-usage fees and make great gifts. We can even order cards for merchants in other cities. You can increase our SCRIP profit by involving your neighbors and your extended families. Just hand them an order form and tell them you'll pick up and deliver! Does your company provide incentives or gifts for their employees? Talk to them about using gift cards from SCRIP. We have several families who are helping in this way.

How can I help?

All of the SCRIP workers are volunteers, and the program couldn't operate without them. If you can spare 15-20 minutes a weekend every 4-5 weeks, we'd love to have you as a SCRIP seller. It's easy and training is provided. Even better, you can choose your SCRIP ahead of the crowds. We also need volunteers for after school sales.

If you are already a SCRIP customer, **please spread the word to your friends**. Sometimes all it takes is just a few minutes of your time to explain how you use SCRIP and another happy customer is born. We have more than 250 families in our school, and yet only about 100 families participated in SCRIP this past year. Just think what our profit could be if everyone participated! If each family purchased an average of \$100 or more a month (easier than you might think!), our SCRIP program profit would be over \$24,000.

More questions?

Stop by the SCRIP desk during SCRIP selling times and our wonderful volunteers will be happy to help you. Or talk to one of our SCRIP customers, who are great advertisers for our program. If you still have questions, send an email to hsscrip@gmail.com.

Gift and Shopping Ideas...

- For weekly grocery shopping: Hy-Vee, Walmart/Sam's, Whole Foods and Target
- For weekly fuel needs: Walmart/Sam's, Shell, BP
- For weekly dining out: Chipotle, Panera, Burger King, Taco Bell, Pizza Hut, Noodles & Co
- For school needs: Dennis Uniform, Land's End, Staples, Office Max, Office Depot, Dick's Sporting Goods, Sports Authority, Shoe Carnival
- For coffee lovers: Caribou Coffee, Dunkin Donuts, Einstein Bros, Panera, Starbucks
- For gardeners or handymen or crafters: Lowe's, Home Depot, Sears, JoAnn's, Ace Hardware, Michael's, Restoration Hardware
- For sports enthusiasts: Mike Needleman golf lessons, Dick's Sporting Goods, MC Sports, Bass Pro Shop, Cabela's, Sports Authority, Footlocker, Finish Line, Nike
- For the stylish: Bath & Body Works, Kohl's, Dillard's, JCPenney, Gap Tri-Card, American Eagle, Macy's, Ulta, J. Crew, Sephora, Aeropostale, Buckle, Journeys, Gordman's
- For weddings: Bed Bath & Beyond, Dillard's, Williams Sonoma, JCPenney, Pier One, Land's End, Macy's, Crate and Barrel, Pottery Barn
- For teens: BP, Shell, Barnes & Noble, Best Buy, iTunes, Burger King, Wendy's, Chipotle, AMC, GameStop, Guitar Center, Panera
- For children & babies: Toys R Us/Babies R Us, Children's Place, Build-a-Bear, Disney, Walmart, Target
- For anyone: **Scrip Gift Certificates**—available in increments of \$5, your choice on amount. If the recipient isn't a member of our parish, just include a copy of a current order form and ask them to return it to you with their choices marked!