



# St. Stephen Catholic School

## Scrip (Gift Card Fund Raiser) Program

### 2011 - 2012

- **SCRIP COMMITMENT FEE:** In an effort to keep the per student tuition rate as low as possible, we have a required annual fee referred to as the \$150 Scrip Commitment Fee. The fee is separate from tuition because our school offers a program to all families that will help you offset this fee if you choose to participate. Participation in the program is completely voluntary and you can elect to pay the \$150 Scrip Commitment Fee instead of purchasing the Scrip gift cards that track your family's profit. Scrip profit accumulated by families who transfer out of SSCS is credited toward the school's general fund. After you have earned the \$150 Scrip Commitment Fee, you can continue to earn "scrip money" to reduce or eliminate your book fees. You may have friends and family help you earn up to your commitment fee. All monies earned by your family after the commitment fee are credited 100% to your book fees.
- **The Scrip year begins on April 1, 2011 and ends on March 31, 2012. The commitment fee is due on April 15, 2012.**
- **WHAT IS SCRIP?** Scrip is "substitute money". You purchase gift cards at face value and use them like you would cash. These gift cards are available from your favorite restaurants, retailers, grocery stores, gas stations and entertainment.
- Purchase cards for places you frequent like Chili's, JCPenney, Publix, Shell and AMC Theaters. (See list for all retailers.) The retailers give a small discount. This discount is given to non-profit organizations like SSCS. The easiest way to earn your \$150 Scrip Commitment Fee is by purchasing your groceries and gas on a weekly basis. (Ex: Publix discount is 3%, \$100/wk x 3% = \$3, \$3/wk x 52 weeks = \$156) Gas and grocery stores give the lowest discount. If you purchase retail stores and restaurants, their discounts can be as high as 20%. (Bloomingdale Pizza is 20%. \$25 x 20% = \$5, \$5 x 30 visits = \$150)
- **DELIVERY AND PAYMENT:** During the school year, orders are placed every Tuesday by 11 am. Your order will be sent home on Thursday in your child's weekly "Thursday folder" unless you indicate that you would like to pick it up at the front office. Payment is on-line with Presto Pay via shopwithscrip. They will debit your checking/savings account for the amount of your order and charge a 39 cent processing fee. There is a small inventory of popular cards available for purchase by check or cash at the church office after weekend masses only.
- **SIGN UP/ORDER:** Go to [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). It will ask for your email address, a 6 character password and the SSCS enrollment code (only needs to be entered first time you sign up) 7A43C9358914 (it is case sensitive!). After you have enrolled, sign up for Presto Pay via the tab on the left side of the website. Be sure to "confirm your order" when done shopping.
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