



Scrip Program for 2012-13

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One of our family fundraisers at St. James is our scrip program. We require each K-8 family to make at least \$2400 in annual scrip purchases (an average of \$200/month starting July 1st, 2012 until June 30th, 2013).

It is very easy for everyone to participate in the Scrip Program. The scrip program is a way to raise money by shopping with gift cards for everyday purchases like food, clothing and entertainment. Each scrip gift card you buy earns a rebate for your non-profit organization (in this case, St. James the Greater). Scrip is a powerful, "no-selling" fundraiser. When people hear about scrip, many ask, "what's the catch?" The catch – if there is one – is that families need to plan ahead a little and do their normal shopping with gift cards.

Using Scrip couldn't be easier. Our families purchase gift cards for places where they plan to shop, and use those cards instead of cash or credit. Great Lakes Scrip Center sells those gift cards to St. James the Greater at a discount. We sell them to our families for full face value and you redeem the cards for full face value. St. James the Greater keeps the difference as a rebate, earning a percentage of every dollar spent using the scrip gift cards.

The program offers such a wide variety of gift cards that it is easy to meet your requirement. You can buy scrip gift cards for grocery stores, restaurants, drug stores, department stores, gas stations, Sam's/Walmart, Target, and even Toys R Us! For a full list of the hundreds of participating retailers, go to:

<http://www.stjamesthegreater.org/PDF/scripretailers.pdf>

Each family in grades K-8 is required to purchase \$200/month (\$2400 annually) in scrip each year (*Carlson's Kids Parents – this program is optional for you, but we would appreciate any level of participation you can offer!*). School families may have other family members or friends apply their scrip purchases toward the school family's scrip account. Each K-8 Family will be assessed a Refundable Scrip Fee of \$150.00 on July 1st, 2012. Once you have fulfilled your scrip obligation, the \$150 fee will be refunded in 1 of 2 ways: If tuition has been paid in full, you will receive a check for \$150. If there is a tuition balance still due, a credit of \$150 will be applied to that amount. St. James keeps track of your scrip purchases for you and will send you an update of your progress during the school year.

'In stock' gift cards may be purchased Monday - Friday from our school secretary, Mrs. Crowe, or after mass on Saturday & Sunday. Any 'special order' cards must be ordered on Monday and you will receive them by Friday. For an order form, go to:

<http://www.stjamesthegreater.org/PDF/scriporderform.pdf>

If you have any questions about the scrip program please feel free to call the school at 647-5244 and Mrs. Crowe or Miss Battaglia will be happy to answer your questions.