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Dear Parents,

Welcome to St. Mary's Elementary School! We are pleased to share information with you about the SME SCRIP program. It is SME's largest fundraising program and it works while you shop.

The beauty of SCRIP is that you put your regular household shopping dollars to work. SCRIP participating retailers agree to sell gift cards/certificates to our organization at a discount. Families like yours buy the gift cards/certificates for full face value, redeem them for full face value, and SME keeps the difference as profit.

SCRIP is simply a word that means: "substitute money" - in other words, SCRIP is gift cards/certificates from national and local retailers. They're the same gift cards that you buy at the store. Many popular retailers participate in our SCRIP program including Tops Markets, Delta Sonic, Frank's, Kohl's, JCPenney, Tim Horton's, Pizza Hut, Home Depot and many, many others.

As an SME family, you are eligible to participate in the program today! During the school year, SCRIP is sold at school Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8am - 10am and one Saturday per month. Attached, you will find the SCRIP Information Sheet which will provide you with further details about our program, including ordering options utilized during the school year.

The SME SCRIP program promises to be a simple and effective fundraising program that contributes to making SME an excellent provider of Catholic elementary education. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

The SCRIP Team

SCRIP PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET 2018 – 2019

The SCRIP Program is a way to shop, using gift cards and certificates instead of cash. St. Mary's is offering families the opportunity to help keep tuition costs down by purchasing SCRIP. The profit from your purchases will be allocated 100% to the school. The goal is for each family to earn a profit of \$250 in Scrip rebates.

The following is a simple example of how to reach the goal of \$250 SCRIP profit for the school:

Vendor	Card Value	Profit %	Quantity Purchased	Amount Purchased	Rebate Earned
Tops	\$100	5%	4	\$400	\$20
Kohl's or JC Penney	\$100	5%	1	\$100	\$5
Tim Horton's	\$5	5%	4	\$20	\$1

This is only one example of what can be purchased. There are many options available to reach the profit goal. Please take into consideration the places that you normally shop and dine, including purchasing your gasoline at Tops (gift cards accepted at pump) or paying your Kohl's charge card bills using SCRIP gift cards. This will take some commitment and planning on your part, but does not require you to make any purchases you would not normally make. Additional examples are the back of this page.

SCRIP may be purchased in the following ways:

- **ORDER** – Orders placed on Monday by 10:00am and will be sent home on Friday of that week. Any SCRIP cards available through Great Lakes Scrip, as well as the local vendors ordered directly by SME, can be purchased.
- **PURCHASE AT SCHOOL** – A limited inventory of the more popular SCRIP cards is maintained in the SCRIP office and may be purchased during the scheduled SCRIP selling hours (Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:00-10:00). Additionally, orders may be sent in with your child on Tuesday through Friday and if the cards are available, they will be sent home with your child on Wednesday or Friday.
- **ONLINE** – ShopWithScrip.com is free online SCRIP ordering. Using this feature, you can order from home and send in your payment, reload funds onto SCRIP gift cards you have already purchased, print your own SCRIPNow eGift cards and pay for your order with PrestoPay. See the ShopWithScrip enrollment form for additional details.
- **NEW** - There are locked boxes in the church foyer and outside the SCRIP office so that you can drop off orders whenever it is convenient for you. These orders will be sent home on the next SCRIP business day, based on card availability.

For each of these methods of purchasing SCRIP, order forms must be filled out completely, including your family ID number, and submitted with your order. Payment must accompany your order and be in the form of either cash or a check made payable to "St. Mary's Elementary School."

Details of the Scrip rebates earned by the school will be available in the News Notes on a regular basis. **For Questions, email the Scrip Team at scrip@smeschool.com**


Forget Selling! Start Shopping!



SCRIP makes fundraising a breeze. You won't have to worry about selling a thing!

To fundraise with SCRIP, all you have to do is continue making your everyday purchases. Instead of paying with cash, credit, or check, you purchase gift cards to your favorite retailers. These gift cards carry a rebate that goes towards our school's tuition. The rebates can add up quickly. Take a look to see how much you can raise per year just by shopping:

How Much Can I Raise Per Year?

	Average	Spending	Contribution
	Contribution	Per Month	Per Year
Grocery	4%	\$600	\$288
Gas	3%	\$345	\$124
Dining Out	8%	\$100	\$96
Fast Food	8%	\$120	\$115
Clothing & Accessories	8%	\$160	\$153
Home Improvements	4%	\$130	\$62
Online Shopping	10%	\$85	\$102
Movies/Books/Gadgets	5%	\$60	\$36
TOTAL		\$1,600	\$976
20 Families			\$19,520
50 Families			\$48,800
100 Families			\$97,600

Welcome to ShopWithScrip.com! It is a convenient way for SME families to order SCRIP by offering these features:

- Place SCRIP orders online
- Track order history
- Pay for gift cards online with PrestoPay
- Use the Reload option to add funds to existing gift cards purchased through our SCRIP program
- Use ScripNow! eCards to order and print electronic gift cards from your ShopWithScrip account

If you are interested in enrolling in ShopWithScrip.com, please complete the attached enrollment form, or email the SCRIP Team at **scrip@smeschool.com**. Once the form is received and processed, you will receive an email from the SME SCRIP Team providing the enrollment code.

ShopWithScrip Enrollment Form

Family Name _____

Family Number _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Please send this form to the SME SCRIP office. If you have any questions, please email **scrip@smeschool.com**.