

WHAT IS THE SCRIP PROGRAM AND HOW DOES IT WORK?

SCRIP is a program that sells various gift cards (both local and regional) and a certain percentage of the face value of each gift card or certificate is returned to our parish/school. The give-back percentages vary from vendor to vendor.

If you buy a gift card from St. E, instead of at the store, you will help the school make money. Again, SCRIP is free money for our school and parish!!!

EXAMPLE: A Shop-N-Save card can be purchased for \$25.00 or \$100.00 from us. Shop-N-Save, gave us a deal to buy those cards from them for \$23.75 and \$95. Meaning, you get a full \$25 or \$100 card, but you helped the school/parish make \$1.25 or \$5! Which wouldn't have happened if you bought a gift card directly at Shop-N-Save. So, by using SCRIP cards to buy groceries, 5% of what you paid for the card went back to the parish/school!

Some local businesses like Ravanelli's (20% give-back) and Sí Señor (15%) help us out even more!

But be sure to get your gift cards/certificates at St. E! A full list of available SCRIP can be found at the school office, the parish office, and on our parish website (www.stegranitecity.org).

This SCRIP sheet will also let you know if a particular gift card is not kept on hand and needs to be ordered and if it may or may not be used for payments on charges.

SCRIP may be purchased Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the parish office and after all Masses on the weekends in the church gathering space. SCRIP orders can also be sent to school with your child and we will fill the order and send it home with him/her the same day provided all of the cards are in stock. If you request something we are out of, you will be notified of other choices we have, or we can order it the following week for you. If you need a particular gift card you can always call the parish office (618) 877-3300 ext. 4 and ask for availability. *We can make a special order for you if you need a large amount of a specific card or if it is something that we do not keep on hand.*

SCRIP cards do not expire and are good at all locations. Wal-Mart cards are also accepted at Sam's Club. You may pay for your SCRIP by cash, check, or credit card, however additional fees apply on credit card sales.

ANY OF YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS CAN HELP YOU MEET YOUR SCRIP OBLIGATION!

If you are a school parent that participates in the SCRIP Program, periodically we will send home statements showing where you are in meeting your requirement. Each school family's \$1,800 of SCRIP needs to be purchased by April 30th for those participating in the program. We encourage you to go above and beyond!

Schnucks *does* participate in the SCRIP Program but they do not have the cards like the others that we sell here. The Schnucks card is a separate card that can be set up **online** to donate money to our school/church every time you make a purchase. These cards can be obtained at the parish office or at any Schnucks store. When you check out at the store you simply give them the card, they scan it and a check will be sent to our school/church. These purchases at Schnucks do not count towards your individual SCRIP obligation, as there's no way to keep track of them, but it does still benefit our parish/school!

This year's SCRIP Program runs from May 1, 2018 thru April 30, 2019. Families who elected not to participate in the SCRIP Program paid an "Opt-Out" fee of \$180 prior to August 1, 2018. Families, who did not "Opt-Out" and pay their "Opt-Out" fee by August 1, 2018, will be assessed (through FACTS) \$20 per \$100 of SCRIP for any amount less than \$1,800 purchased by April 30, 2019.