



# SACRED HEART SCHOOL Scrip Program and Policy



## WHAT IS SCRIP:

- Scrip is a program started by an archbishop in California to fund his schools. It has been at SHS since 1997.
- A national program that makes arrangements with vendors on a national level.
- The stores give a percentage of our purchases to our school. So, the \$100 you spend for groceries, gas etc. at participating vendors generates a % to the school.
- It is the typical, normal gift card, sometimes a gift certificate. It can also be a card “reload” or printable “ScripNow” coupon. Good all over the country, not just locally.

## WHY:

- We’re a private school....we always need money!
- Scrip took the place of magazine drives, candy and wrapping paper sales, AND it generates more money than those programs did without asking us to spend extra cash. It is generated by money you’re spending anyway. It is one of only 3 fundraisers at SHS.

## HOW:

- Great Lakes Scrip Company negotiates with retailers for a percentage and denomination. A complete list of “retailers” can be found at ShopWithScrip.com
- We also have several local vendors we deal with individually like Reilly’s and Fred Meyer.
- You pay \$25 for a \$25 gift card that is good for \$25 of merchandise.
- Sacred Heart School earns money when cards are purchased.

## WHEN:

- Through weekly orders. Each family is given a bright yellow Scrip envelope that is used to send order information and payment in on Mondays. Orders are sent Monday afternoons with delivery of Scrip in the yellow Scrip envelope through the Thursday Family Envelope (unless requested to be held in the office). Scrip can also be purchased from the “SCRIP BINDER” in the office or weekly in the parking lot after school (when volunteers are available). We skip weeks with a Monday holiday and the week following the once a month Fred Meyer order. ScripNow and reloads can be done online with PrestoPay.
- Online at anytime. All of our school families will have an account through ShopWithScrip.com. Families can place online orders at anytime that will be combined with regular orders on Mondays.
- If families choose the PrestoPay option they can get ScripNow, reload on existing cards or use the “My Wallet” option which can be printed or loaded directly to a smart phone, within minutes.

## WHO:

- Volunteer run! We always need people; the parking lot is a great way to meet parents you wouldn’t otherwise meet. Only 20 minutes after school. Racks those PALS points up fast!
- Any questions, please call Kristin Alverson at 830-5335 or Linda Graefe at 344-9738.

## COMMITMENT STATEMENT:

### **IMPORTANT PLEASE READ!**

- Each family is required to make \$1000 of scrip purchases each school year and will have a family account on ShopWithScrip through Great Lakes Scrip Company.
- Fiscal year begins 7/1 and ends 6/30. Records or registration may be withheld if commitment is not met. A % of remaining Scrip commitment will be billed at year end.
- If a family chooses to waive their Scrip commitment they may pay \$300 at registration.
- If at anytime you are unable to meet your commitment or need assistance contact school office.
- **Please initial the box on the Tuition contract** if you agree and will abide by these terms.

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## FAQ's -- FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Accepting credit cards?** Yes.... however, we do pay bank fees so checks translate into higher profits.

**Can I pay for my order online?** Yes!!! ShopWithScrip.com uses PrestoPay. It is the same system that many of the major companies use when processing debit and credit cards. But because we set it up to only take checking accounts, we are not charged the processing fee that other companies are charged. It is a very safe site. It is used across the country. Detailed instructions are available at the office kiosk and on our website. It is easy and saves us time and money!!

**Is the Scrip store specific?** Yes. **Does it expire?** Rarely. Some may have expiration dates, but usually very far in the future. Scrip is a gift card or gift certificate.

**Can I use Scrip to make payments on my charge card accounts: (ie Macy's, JC Pennys...)?**  
No. These cards are accepted for merchandise purchases only.

**How do you use Scrip for mail order or online purchases?** It varies from store to store, but generally just read the serial numbers from the gift certificates when calling in your order or enter them in the appropriate space when ordering online, as you would a credit card.

**Do I have to return my envelope if I do not place an order for that week?**  
No. PLEASE keep your yellow envelope at home until you are ready to place an order.

**Can Scrip be used at any of these stores anywhere?** YES! As you can see from the list, these are all national stores and it is their corporation's decision to be part of this program on a national basis.

**What about WinCo, and other stores not listed?** A complete list of retailers can be found at ShopWithScrip.com. Retailers not on the list must be contacted and individual arrangements made to provide scrip. We have agreements with Fred Meyer and Reilly's but would love to get more of our local vendors involved. Please contact Brock Carpenter if you are interested in adding your company to our fantastic Scrip program.

**Do we offer Scrip to the parish?** We currently have volunteers who sell Scrip from our SCRIP BINDER after all the masses once a month to both Sacred Heart and OLR parishes.

**Can I offer Scrip to my friends, coworkers, neighbors, family?** YES, YES!! That is the best idea. They can support the school without affecting their pockets. Just include them on your order form and have the check made out to Sacred Heart. Order forms are available on our website. Family members can also set up accounts and link them to a school family for credit. Contact a Scrip volunteer if you need assistance.

**Can you get change back from the gift certificate or gift card?** Each store has its own 'change back' policy, but the majority will give you cash back as long as the purchase is at least 80% of the value on a gift certificate. Most gift cards carry the change as a balance until the card is at "zero".