

Trying to save money? Save on your school registration fees with SCRIP. We've revised the program to benefit YOU with less and/or no waiting time!

Please continue to read for all the details.

What is Scrip?

Scrip is a term meaning "substitute money" and is a universal name for real and negotiable paper gift certificates or prepaid debit cards that are used just like cash. The scrip is issued by national and local retailers where many of us already shop. You can use scrip to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing and other essentials, and with every purchase you earn revenue for you and St. John's.

How Scrip Generates Revenue

The Great Lakes Scrip Center acts on behalf of churches, schools and other non-profit organizations to purchase large amounts of scrip from grocery stores, department stores and other retailers. Because the scrip is purchased with cash up front, the participating retailers offer a substantial discount. St. John's will buy the scrip from Fond du Lac scrip network which purchases the cards from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a discount and re-sells it to families like yours for full face value. (This change will allow us to take part in buying from local stores such as Fleet Farm without the steep minimum purchases that we have if we purchase from the local stores directly, thus freeing up the cash flow). The discount – ranging from 2 to 15% or more – is St. John's revenue. On the Scrip Order Form, the % listed next to the vendor's name is the discount received from that vendor. For example Kwik Trip is 9%, so every \$25 gift card earns \$2.25. You pay \$25, we send \$22.75 to Fond du Lac Scrip Network, and \$2.25 is kept in the Scrip Account. 50% of that amount will be placed in your child's account or the Tuition Assistance Fund if you are not sponsoring a child. There are many local vendors that also participate and are included on the order form as well as many listed on the Great Lakes website at www.glscrip.com.

How Scrip Helps St. John's Families

Fifty percent of the revenue generated by your purchase (your family and friends can also order and help with your child's registration costs) is credited to the registration fees of your student(s), or any current or future student you choose, or to the Tuition Assistance Program. (Students who withdraw or do not enroll cannot receive cash for their credit. They can choose to give it to another family or to operations.) The remaining 50% will stay in the Scrip operations account to pre-purchase gift cards and as it accumulates the CPT will use it for non-budgeted costs. The 50% proceeds accumulated in your name will remain in your account until the following summer registration. For example, any proceeds accumulated this year will be credited to the 2012-13 fall registration fee.

Why You Should Buy Scrip Even Though You Don't Have Children in School

Your use of the Scrip Program will help the church budget. If we get enough people involved, this is a great way to make money for the school scrip account. If our account grows, we can help offset the church budget. Furthermore, the other 50% of the profit raised from your purchase will be set aside in a tuition/registration fee assistance fund. This fund has been created to help families who need assistance paying their fees. We have roughly 250 households in our church. If each household would simply purchase a \$25 Kwik Trip card (with a 9% return) each week our church would make \$506.25 a week. Half of that would stay in the scrip account the other half would be split up into individual families' accounts or the tuition assistance account.

Who Can Get Assistance?

Those who need assistance can submit a request to the school board for approval. They are in the process of creating a plan to follow to determine who qualifies.

How and When Will I Get Scrip?

It's been said many times that people don't use scrip because they don't like having their money tied up for a week while they wait for their gift cards to come in. In an effort to increase the use of the Scrip program, St. John's Scrip will be pre-purchasing gift cards of the most commonly used vendors. They will be available for purchase at the school on Friday mornings from 8:00 to 8:45 and Sunday between church services so you can use them as soon as you purchase them – **no more waiting!** I will make a great effort to keep common vendors gift cards in stock. If you know of certain vendors you will be using, please let me know so we can order them accordingly. Obviously, if everyone in church would suddenly begin to use the scrip program, I may not have the funds to pre-purchase everything for everyone but we'll see how it goes and revise accordingly. As in the past, we will still have weekly orders available too. Simply include payment with your order form. Orders submitted by Sunday morning will be available for pick up on Friday. If these times do not work for you, simply e-mail me at scrip@stjohnsfoxlake.org or call me at (920) 296-7845 and we can make other arrangements. Communication as to when availability dates may change with vacations and holidays will be made via e-mail and the school website. Also watch for "specials." Occasionally vendors will temporarily offer a greater percentage value for their cards for a limited time.

An order form can be downloaded from the St. John's website www.stjohnsfoxlake.org, or you can pick one up at the table in the hall before you enter the fellowship hall.

Who Can Purchase Scrip?

Any member, parent, or relative of a child may use our Scrip Program.

When Will This Start?

Any purchases made after August 1 will be recorded into your account. Scrip On Hand will start on Friday, September 2, 8:00-8:45 AM. Please see attached Scrip on Hand order form for list of vendors of on-hand sales. If you'd like other vendors, please notify me by August 21 since the network is still on a two-week ordering rotation for the summer.

How Do I Know How Much Is In my Account?

If you place a regular weekly order (not on-hand) your balance will be on your receipt. A final copy will be issued prior to registration.

Who Can We Contact With Questions?

Chris Edwards will be taking over as the Scrip Coordinator. You can reach her at (920) 324-4166, or her cell at (920) 296-7845. I'd appreciate you're feedback as to what is or isn't working, if there are other vendors that you would use on a regular basis if we had them on-hand, etc. I will try to make things as easy and user friendly as possible to encourage everyone to take advantage of this great saving opportunity.

Desirae Pausma and Sarah Theander have offered to help with the program. If anyone else is available to occasionally sell scrip on-hand between church services when we are unavailable, please let me know. Your help would be greatly appreciated!