



Major Retailers Want To Give Our School Money!

Dear St. Mary's Parent:

The St. Mary Parents' Association is pleased to share some exciting news about a new fundraising program for our organization. It's called "scrip", and it's the fundraising program that works while you shop.

Scrip is simply a word that means "substitute money" – in other words, scrip is gift certificates from national and local retailers. They're the same gift certificates that you buy at the store. Many popular retailers participate in our scrip program including Stop & Shop, Shaw's, The Gap, Lands End, Mobil Gas, Dunkin Donuts and many, many others.

You're probably asking yourself how these stores help us raise money. It's simple -- participating retailers agree to sell gift certificates to our organization at a discount. Member families like yours buy the certificates for full face value, they redeem them for full face value, and our school keeps the difference as revenue. And scrip is exciting, because everybody wins:

- The retailer gets cash up front and repeat business...
- You get a powerful fundraising alternative that involves no selling...and no volunteer hours.
- It costs you nothing!!!!
- Great for your regular shopping and for gifts.

The beauty of scrip is that you put your regular household shopping dollars to work. You earn money for our school without spending a single additional penny. Just spend your regular shopping dollars with scrip at the stores that participate in the scrip program! And scrip can be used for just about any household purchase including food, clothing, entertainment, gasoline and even dining out.

We'll be introducing our scrip program called the "Cougar Cards" at the St. Mary Parents' Association General Meeting, and we urge you to attend. We'll go over all of facts about scrip, enrollment information, and answer your questions:

St. Mary Parents' Association General Meeting Wednesday, September 10, 2008 – 7pm in the Parish Hall

The St. Mary's scrip program promises to be a simple and effective fundraising program. Thanks for your support, and we hope to see you at our meeting. If you are unable to attend, please see the attached flyer about a free Gift Card Give Away and to find out how to get started on the Scrip Program.

Sincerely,

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COUGAR CARDS SCRIP PROGRAM

Getting Started

To Enroll:

- 1) Visit www.ShopwithScrip.com
- 2) Click Get Started, then click Register
- 3) Enter your User Information & St. Mary's Enrollment Code: 896CB1D316978

To Place an Order:

- 1) Click on Order Scrip
- 2) Select Cards you would like to purchase & Add to Shopping Cart
- 3) Orders must be placed by the 5th or 20th of each month during the school year. Orders placed after the deadline will be filled in the next order.

To Pay for An Order:

- 1) Click Check Out. Payment can be made by EFT from your bank account – simply sign up for Presto Pay OR print your order summary & send it with a check payable to SMPA to Jen Colombo kindness of Olivia – Grade 2. When paying by check, the payment must be received by SMPA coordinator by the 5th or 20th.

Delivery:

- 1) Cards will be delivered via back pack in 4-6 days in the Cougar Cards Red Envelope. We ask that you return the envelope to school or with your next order. We've designated a "Wednesday Envelope" style RED reusable envelope to cut down on waste.

For complete details visit www.ShopwithScrip.com

Complete Family Users Guide available at the "Getting Started" tab.

Email Jen Colombo Jen@PowerEngineersLLC.com with questions.