

SCRIP FUNDRAISING PROGRAM AT SASH

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year at SASH. Whether this year is your first with us or one of many, we would like to provide you with some information about a very important program we have here. It is called the **Scrip Fundraising Program**.

- **What is Scrip?** The Scrip Program is a fundraising program that has been operating at SASH School for the past eight years. Scrip is gift cards that are purchased from various retailers at a discount. The discount is then split evenly between the buyer (families) and SASH.
- **How does it benefit families with children in SASH?** Families who purchase Scrip earn between .75% - 8.5% back on their purchases that are then applied to the following year's tuition.
 - **For instance:** If a family were to purchase \$100 of Giant gifts cards every week that Scrip is available (approximately 42 in a year), they would have earned \$105.00 by the end of that year to be put towards their tuition payment.
 $\$100 \text{ a week} \times 42 \text{ weeks} = \4200 $2.5\% \text{ of } \$4200 = \105.00
- **Where does the money go?**
 - For the 2010-2011 school year, 59 families earned over \$11,300 toward their tuition for the 2011-12 school year.
 - 12 families earned \$2,400 toward their tuition at a variety of other Catholic grade schools, high schools, and universities.
 - 8 families and teachers chose to donate back their credit amount to be put towards the school which amounted to \$379.00.
 - OLSH Church earned \$508.00 through parishioner Sunday sales to support both their General Fund and Tuition Assistance program
 - The Scrip program paid for the Comcast service in both buildings for a total cost of \$2,334.00.
 - Scrip was able to put \$9,000.00 into the Technology account.

How does the program work? We utilize a program called **Shop with Scrip**. It allows you to place orders online and us to track inventory and tuition accrual amounts for each family in one location.

- A family may go online at www.shopwithscrip.com anytime from 12a.m. Monday until 7a.m. Friday to place an order. See attached sheet for specific instructions. If online ordering presents a problem for you please give us a call at the below numbers.
- Information on how to enroll with the online program is attached. All orders of On Hand items will be filled and come home with your child on Fridays, regardless of when you place them online. Items other than what we carry on hand (Specials) will come home the following Friday.
- By using this online system, you will be able to see what you have earned towards your tuition credit at anytime. 50% of the amount shown goes to your following year's tuition, 50% stays in the program
- You will be sent an email each week by Tuesday as a reminder. Also our weekly newsletter, **Scrip Blips**, will be attached to keep you updated on all bonus offers and special promotions throughout the year. Included with that email will be the list of on hand items we keep stocked.
- In June a check will be issued to your specific parish who will then deduct the amount of your credit off the top of the following year's tuition. Credit may also be used at **ANY** Catholic high school or college. Credit for accrued amounts under \$10.00 will not be issued. Additionally, families leaving the Catholic School System are not eligible to receive the tuition credit and will have the opportunity to donate their credit to their Parish, the Home & School, or another family.

- **Can I invite family or friends to place orders also?** Absolutely! The more people you can get to purchase Scrip, the more money you earn towards the next year's tuition for your family. We do ask some considerations.
 - You may have family members set up their own account but they must put the name and classroom of the child they are purchasing for on the account.
 - You may send multiple payments with multiple orders but please make sure the total amount ordered matches the total amount of the payments.

- **Are there any other things I need to know about placing orders?**
 - Please do not staple checks to the receipt forms. **(Make checks out to SASH Scrip)**
 - In order for your order to be filled, you must send in your online receipt(s) with your payment(s) on Friday. Orders that we do not receive payment for will be deleted.
 - Only items that are on the "on hand" list will be filled and sent home the same week. All other cards require a one week turnaround.
 - Please provide us with a phone number that we can reach you at between 9 and 12 on Friday morning should we have a question about your order.
 - If you need an amount in excess of \$500, we may not be able to fill it all that same day. If not, the balance will be filled the following week.
 - Scrip may also be purchased at OLSH Church on Saturday after the 5p.m. Mass and Sundays after the 8 a.m., before and after 9:30 a.m. and before the 11a.m. Mass. You do not need to place an online order for Sundays.
 - You may view the entire list of retailers online at www.shopwithscrip.com. Costco and Wegman's are 2 of the most requested retailers that DO NOT make their gift cards available to organizations.
 - Please check your order when your child brings it home on Friday. If there are any discrepancies please contact us as soon as possible. **Once your order is filled and delivered to your child, the responsibility for the order is with you.** Discrepancies **MUST** be reported immediately. Please call Beth at 215-362-7885 or email sashscrip@gmail.com
 - At this time, only Kohl's allows you to pay your bill with Scrip.

We hope you will find this to be a beneficial program for both your family and your school. Thank you for your time. You may email sashscrip@gmail.com with questions or call Rose at 215-687-2902 or Beth at 215-362-7885.

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