

St. James Cathedral School

Scrip Questions & Answers

1. What does Scrip mean?

Scrip is money in the form of gift cards and certificates, just like those purchased directly from a retailer (i.e. Home Depot).

2. How does Scrip work?

The St. James Scrip program operates through the Great Lakes Scrip Center (GLSC) in Michigan. Several catholic schools in our diocese already use GLSC. GLSC offers a free website service called ShopWithScrip.com. This website allows families to purchase gift cards/certificates from a variety of merchants at face value anytime day or night.

Use scrip for weekly shopping, birthdays, gifts, Christmas, home improvements, gas and watch your account grow!

3. How does the money I accumulate apply to my tuition?

Scrip will be available year round on a bi-weekly basis (schedule to subject to change). The more you use scrip, the bigger your account will grow. **The profit generated from your Scrip purchases will be split 75/25 between your Family Tuition Savings Account and St. James School operating expenses (your family will earn 75% of the profits generated).** At the end of our current school year the balance in your account will be applied to your tuition the following August. For non-returning families (i.e. 8th graders), the balance of your account as of the last April order of the current school year will be applied to your last tuition payment in May. Please note: *If your Family Tuition Savings Account totals less than \$25.00, this profit will go toward the school operating expenses.*

4. Does this program benefit the school?

You bet! 25% of the profits (minus operating costs) will be applied toward school operating expenses to keep future tuition increases as low as possible.

5. How do I order Scrip?

Once you enroll in our program, you will receive a welcome email that details how to use ShopWithScrip.com. Next, go to ShopwithScrip.com, setup your account and start placing your orders. ShopwithScrip.com will generate an Order Confirmation to which you can attach your payment. Order Confirmations with payments must be turned in to the school office by Tuesday at 8:15 a.m.

NEW ORDERS must be submitted to the school office on Tuesdays by 8:15 a.m.

PICK UP ORDERS on Friday morning (the week your order is submitted) between 7:30 – 8:15 a.m. in the school cafeteria.

See our Scrip Calendar for specific dates.

6. How do I pay for Scrip?

You can pay with a check, cash, [Presto Pay](#), or [Scrip NOW](#). Should you pay with a check, the school's policy regarding returned checks is the same for scrip. Checks may be made payable to "St. James School - Scrip." Sorry, credit cards are not accepted. The bank charges for credit card use considerably reduce our profits.

Presto Pay and Scrip Now customers are not required to drop off their order confirmations to the school. Scrip Now customers can receive their scrip immediately (24 hours a day). Click on the "Scrip NOW" link to learn more!

7. Do I have to participate?
Absolutely not. This is a service provided to those who wish to offset their tuition and raise money for the school.
8. What if I am not attending the school but want to purchase scrip?
For grandparents, aunts/uncles, etc. of our St. James families, faculty/staff or friends of our school, the procedures are the same. They can enroll at the school website (www.stjcs.com), however they would designate their % saved to one of the following: a family scrip account, the school's operating budget (to help reduce future tuition increases) or the school's Tuition Assistance Fund for families in need.
9. Can I donate the money I earn back to the school?
Sure. When you enroll, you may choose to donate all of your proceeds back to the school or you may choose to apply all of your proceeds to another family.
10. Who runs the Scrip program at St. James Cathedral School?
The St. James Scrip program is a fundraiser operated by our Home and School Association. The Scrip office is located in the Home and School office in the school Assembly Hall.

Please Note. Due to diocesan and IRS policies, the school staff and administration cannot be active in the day to day administration of this program. Therefore, all questions and concerns regarding scrip must be handled through the Home and School Association and the scrip chairs.