

2014 – 2015 SCRIP Pre -K Tuition Rewards Program

Over the last six years the SCS SCRIP Tuition Rewards Program has been tremendously successful for our K-8th grade families. We are very excited to include our Pre-K families in this year-long program that is in place to help raise money for your family and for SCS! By purchasing grocery, retail, hotel and restaurant gift cards you earn a percentage of your total purchases that will be applied as a credit to your following-year tuition. By using SCRIP to make your everyday purchases, you earn money for SCS and for your families.

We urge you to take advantage of this pain-free way to reduce your tuition! Consistent use of the SCRIP gift cards is the key! And, your co-workers, friends, and relatives can help you buy SCRIP to receive the rewards and meet your goal.

As always, if you have any questions please feel free to contact:

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What is SCRIP?

SCRIP is a term that means "substitute money"- in other words, SCRIP is a gift certificate from participating retailers.

How does SCRIP generate revenue for you?

SCRIP participating retailers agree to sell gift certificates to our organization at a discount. Families like yours buy the certificates at full face value and redeem them for full face value. Our school receives half of the difference as revenue and your family receives the other half of the difference as a tuition reward credit.

*For Example: SCS buys a \$100.00 GC for \$95.00 and we split the difference

SCRIP Tuition Rewards Program

- 1. The new SCRIP program starts on June 1, 2014 and ends on May 31, 2015.
- 2. Every family needs to earn \$50.00 in tuition rewards. We strongly urge you to earn more than the minimum amount. The total amount of SCRIP purchase will vary depending on the % offered by each vendor.**

** Please see following pages for examples.

YOU CAN SAVE HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS ON TUITION PER YEAR IF YOU USE THE SCRIP TUITION REWARDS PROGRAM FAITHFULLY!

REMEMBER – THIS IS MONEY YOU
ALREADY SPEND IN YOUR BUDGET AND
WITH SCRIP YOU CAN REDUCE YOUR
TUITION BILL!

Types of SCRIP

There are two types of SCRIP you may purchase to meet your goal and earn your Tuition Rewards: (1) Local SCRIP and (2) Great Lakes SCRIP. Your family may purchase from one or both to meet your \$50.00 tuition reward.

Local SCRIP Retailers:

Giant Redner's Weis/King's Boscov's

Sneaker Villa Schmeck's Villa Lords & Ladies Salons

You may purchase Local SCRIP at the tables in the back of the church, at the Parish Center, or at SCS School.

Great Lakes Retailers:

There are over 600 retailers to choose from. For example:

•	Barnes & Noble	Best Buy	Gap	iTunes
•	Subway	Walmart	Wawa	Lands End
•	Michael's	Pottery Barn	Talbots	Toy R Us
•	Kohl's	Game Stop	Red Robin	Applebee's
•	Staples	Cabela's	Home Depot	Lowe's

You may purchase Great Lakes SCRIP online at www.shopwithscrip.com

Local SCRIP

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- 1. Fill out a local SCRIP envelope/form with your <u>youngest child's first</u> <u>and last name</u>. You will not receive credit for your purchase if your child's name is not on the order. Please pass this information on to anyone who is purchasing SCRIP on your behalf.
- 2. Enclose a check made payable to <u>St. Catharine of Siena</u>. Please be careful in filling out the form to avoid errors.
- 3. When ordering through school, please place everything in your Family SCRIP envelope. You will receive this at the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year and it will be used back and forth for the whole year.
- 4. You may order Local SCRIP at the tables in the back of the church, at the Parish Center or through SCS school when open.
- 5. All orders that will be filled through SCS school must be turned in by 10:00 a.m. no later than Thursdays.
- 6. All Local orders sent into SCS school will be sent home on Thursday.
- Local SCRIP order schedule may change due to holidays and snow days.

Local Tuition Rewards

The Local SCRIP profit is 5%. 2.5% goes to your family as a tuition credit and 2.5% goes to SCS.

See the following examples to learn how you can earn your \$50.00 tuition reward.

Example #1:

Purchase \$2,000.00 of Giant (2.5%) SCRIP = \$50.00 tuition reward

 $2,000 \times .025 = 50$

Example # 2:

Purchase \$1,000.00 of Redner's (2.5%) and \$1,000.00 of Boscov's (2.5%) SCRIP = \$50.00 tuition reward

 $2000 \times .025 = 50$

Example #3:

Purchase \$250.00 Sneaker Villa, \$1,500.00 of Giant, and \$250.00 Boscov's SCRIP = \$50.00 tuition reward.

 $2000 \times .025 = 50$

**You may only purchase Giant and Boscov's through Local SCRIP not through Great Lakes.

NEW SCS Local SCRIP Online Tracking Program

We are pleased to announce that there is a brand new <u>Local SCRIP</u> tracking program available for all families. The new program will allow you to access your <u>Local SCRIP</u> purchases and earned 2.5% Tuition Reward anytime!

Here is how to get started to set-up your personal Username and Password:

- Go to the school website at www.scsreading.org
- Click the SCRIP link on the left hand side of the school homepage.
- Select "Local SCRIP Tracking" link.
- Select "Create a User Account".
- Enter the information required and click "Submit".
- If everything is OK an email will be sent to you with a PIN and you will be redirected back to the login page. (FYI: In most cases the youngest child's name is the correct entry. If that does not work, please enter another one of your children's name until the above email is received.
- Enter the supplied PIN in the "Username" field and select "Submit" (There is NO PASSWORD needed at this point!).
- Then you will be redirected to another page where you will be asked to enter a <u>permanent Username and Password</u>. After entering a new Username/Password and pressing "Submit" you should see your Local SCRIP purchases, Total SCRIP Amount, and 2.5% Tuition Reward.
- From this point on you should be able to go to school website at anytime and select the "Local SCRIP Tracking" link, login with your new Username and Password, and view your personal information.
- If you are a family who chooses the "BUY-OUT" option, you may follow the same directions above to see that your status is correct.
- As always, if you have any problems or concerns feel free to contact: Kelly Wasielevski at 610-779-6309 or at kdw122@gmail.com

The new tracking program will replace the paper statements that were handed out in the past. This also only shows your Local SCRIP purchases, it <u>does not show</u> any of your Great Lakes SCRIP purchases. As always you may access that information through <u>www.shopwithscrip.com</u>.

Please note that there is typically a 2-4 week delay in your purchases showing up.

Great Lakes SCRIP (www.shopwithscrip.com)

- 1. You may only order Great Lakes SCRIP **ONLINE**. We will no longer accept paper orders or notes.
- 2. Order your Great Lakes SCRIP at www.shopwithscrip.com
- 3. Log on to the site, enter the **Enrollment Code: D1386E877L2L**
- 4. Please fill out the attached form to set up your username and password if you don't already have one. Keep this form for your records. We will not have this information.
- **5.** Please make your check payable to <u>St. Catharine of Siena</u>.
- 6. Separate checks must be made out for LOCAL and Great Lakes SCRIP.
- 7. You may also use <u>Prestopay</u> to pay for your Great Lakes SCRIP purchases. This is not a credit card base system. It is a safe, reliable NACHA electronic fund transfer system. Your family enters their designate account information one time and once your account is verified, you can have your SCRIP payments electronically deducted from that account when you order. This process is done on www.shopwithscrip.com
- 8. When sending in your payment through school, please place your check in your Family SCRIP envelope. You will receive this at the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year and it will be used back and forth for the whole year.
- 9. Orders/payments will be due on Fridays by 10:00 a.m. in the school office.
- 10. Orders will be sent home or ready for pick up the following Thursday.
- 11. Great Lake orders will be processed <u>every other week</u>. You will receive the due dates at the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year.
- 12. Great Lakes order schedule may change due to holidays and snow days.

Great Lakes Tuition Rewards

The Great Lakes SCRIP % profit varies from retailer to retailer. This year, SCS is sharing the profit rate with your family. $\frac{1}{2}$ goes to your family as a tuition credit and $\frac{1}{2}$ goes to SCS.

Example: Lands End profit rate is 18% = 9% for your family and 9% for SCS.

See the following examples to learn how you can earn your \$50.00 tuition reward.

Example #1:

Purchase \$560.00 of Lands End (9%) SCRIP = \$50.00 of tuition reward.

 $560 \times .09 = 50$

Example #2:

Purchase \$5,000.00 of Walmart (1%) SCRIP = \$50.00 tuition reward.

 $5,000 \times .01 = 100$

Example #3 (Using Local/Great Lakes):

Purchase \$1,000.00 Giant (2.5%), \$100.00 Lands End (9%), \$50.00 Applebees (4.0%), \$250.00 Sneaker Villa (2.5%), and \$200.00 (4.0%) Pottery Barn SCRIP = 50.25 tuition rewards.

** You may always check your balance on your Great Lakes family account, under purchases. Half of what you purchased is your tuition reward.

www.shopwithscrip.com Username and Password Set-up Process

- 1. Log onto www.shopwithscrip.com
- 2. Enter SCS enrollment code. <u>D1386E877L2L</u>
- 3. Enter a Username and Password of your choice in the orange box on the home screen.
- 4. Please keep this form for your records. We will not have this information.
- 5. You are now ready to place your order.

Username:	
Password:	

Failure to Comply Policy

Any family that does not earn the (K-8)\$100.00 or (Pre-K) \$50.00 tuition reward will lose their tuition credit earned to date. You will also be charged the \$300.00 (K-8) or \$150.00 (Pre-K) Buy-Out, minus the amount of tuition credit earned to date and that amount will be added to your tuition bill for the next school year.

All financial obligations, <u>including SCRIP</u>, must be paid in full in order for students to receive their final report card.

For eighth grade students to participate in the Graduation dinner dance and Graduation, and to receive their final report card all financial obligations, <u>including SCRIP</u>, must be paid in full.

Your family's choice to make the commitment to give your children a Catholic education is an important one. The SCRIP program is in place to keep tuition down and to fund improvements at SCS. As always, if there is a financial hardship, please contact Sister Teresa Ballisty, IHM or Monsignor Edward Domin.

Non-Returning Families

Participating families may only donate their earned Tuition Reward to another family of their choice by meeting the following criteria:

a. If your child/children are not returning to St. Catharine of Siena School for the 2015-2016 school year.

and

b. If your family has exceeded their required commitment to the SCS program. Your first \$50.00 earned will be transferred to the SCS Tuition Rewards Fund. The remaining amount you earned may be transferred to a family of your choice. This must be put in writing.

Example: Tuition Reward Earned \$150.00

SCS Tuition Reward Fund portion \$50.00

Family of your Choice Portion \$100.00

BUY-OUT Option

In order to keep tuition at the lowest possible level, all families are asked to participate in the SCRIP Tuition Rewards Program. Any family, choosing not to participate will be asked to <u>BUY-OUT</u>.

The <u>BUY-OUT</u> is \$150.00 per family.

The \$150.00 BUY-OUT will be added to your tuition bill and distributed to your chosen payment plan.

WIN \$500.00

Once you meet your \$50.00 tuition reward of SCRIP, your family name is automatically entered in a drawing to win an additional \$500.00 tuition credit!

If you win, you may apply the \$500.00 to your 2015/2016 school year tuition bill at SCS. Should an eighth grader win, the \$500.00 will be forwarded to Berks Catholic High School for tuition credit.

Winnings are non-transferable and are intended for those families continuing their child/children's Catholic education at St. Catharine of Siena School or Berks Catholic High School.

Summer Order Schedule and Process

- 1. Great Lakes SCRIP will only be ordered four times over the summer vacation.
- 2. Great Lakes orders are due ONLINE by 10:00 a.m. on the Fridays listed below.
- 3. Checks made out to **St. Catharine of Siena** are due in the Parish Center by 10:00 a.m. on the same Fridays.
- 4. You can pick up your order at the Parish Center on the Thursdays listed below after 3:00 p.m.

Note** The Parish Center is open Mondays thru Fridays 8:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m.

5. Local SCRIP orders can be filled by you, from June 01, 2014 till September 05, 2014 after Mass or at the Parish Center.

Order Dates:

Will be announced in the Spring of 2014



ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA SCHOOL 2014 - 2015 SCRIP Tuition Reward Program

Student Name:
Family Name:
Family Email Address:
Please choose one of the options below and return this form to Mrs. Maryann Weiser by, May 31, 2014.
YES, we are participating in the Pre-K SCRIP Tuition Rewards Program. We agree to earn at least \$50.00 tuition credit from June 01, 2014 thru May 31, 2015.
OR
YES, we are choosing the Pre–K Program BUY-OUT at \$150.00. (This BUY-OUT amount is for families that have a student(s) only in Pre-K and NO other grades at SCS.) The \$150.00 BUY-OUT will be added to your tuition bill and distributed to your chosen payment plan.

If we do not receive this form back by May 31, 2014 we will automatically select the BUY-OUT amount for you and that amount will be charged to your 2014-2015 tuition.