

About \$CRIP

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PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE

What Is \$scrip?

Scrip is a year round fundraising program that financially helps both you and Saint Joan of Arc School. Your participation generates a profit for Saint Joan of Arc and can directly REDUCE YOUR TUITION BILL*. There is no selling involved!

How Does \$scrip work?

The program works as follows: you buy gift cards from SJA for grocery stores, department stores, gas stations, restaurants, etc. SJA is able to buy them at a discount and sell them to you at face value. Therefore, you spend what you would normally spend on these expenses and the school is able to make a profit. If you meet the minimum purchase requirement, you will receive a percentage of the profit off your tuition bill.

What kind of gift cards do you offer?

The gift cards you purchase through Scrip are the same gift cards you would normally purchase at a store. The change back policy varies from store to store. The expiration policy varies. We have gift cards for major grocery, department, gas, restaurants, and more. Refer to the order form.

How are \$scrip gift cards used?

The gift cards can be used for weekly shopping, gasoline, gifts for teachers, friends and family, but they can also be used for family outings, catering for a communion or graduation, vacations, company reward programs, etc. Many families find Scrip helpful in managing their weekly or monthly budget.

How Do I Buy \$scrip?

Scrip purchases and distribution are processed through the Wednesday envelopes. Order sheets are sent home every Wednesday and completed orders and payments are due back to school by 8:00am on Thursday. The gift cards you order will be sent home with your child in the following Wednesday envelope. The families who choose not to have their student bring the gift cards home can indicate this on the order form and pick up their gift cards between 8:30 and 9:30am on Wednesday's in the school office. Our goal is to make the distribution of Scrip as simple as possible for the school families, teachers and volunteers. Over 99% of the orders went home with the children last year.

There are also 'Quick Pick' days as an option for purchasing cards. Quick Pick days allow you to purchase gift cards in person from the in-stock inventory. Quick Pick days are typically scheduled on Fridays mornings 1-2 times per month. You will be notified about Quick Pick days through the Wednesday Envelope, the Blog and email.

What forms of payment are accepted?

Checks are preferred, but cash is also accepted (exact amount). Checks get written out to St. Joan of Arc.

How Do I receive a *Tuition Credit*?

Each family who purchases over \$2000 in gift cards from March 2009 to the end of February 2010 will earn a tuition credit equal to 1/4 of the profits generated from their gift card purchases. For example, if a family purchases \$2,000 of Jewel gift cards, it would generate \$100 of profit (\$2,000x.05). The tuition credit would equal \$25 (\$100x.25). The credit amount can then be deducted from the final

March 2010 tuition payment (a credit slip will be sent to you in early March). Since different stores offer different discounts, you can maximize your earned credit by purchasing higher discount gift cards. See the order form for the discount amounts by store.

How can I maximize my Scrip Tuition Credit?

Encourage relatives, friends, co-workers, etc. to purchase gift cards. Purchase higher discount gift cards (if one family spends \$2000 by only purchasing a 2% gift card, their tuition credit will be \$10. But if another family spends \$2000 and purchases a combination of 2% and other higher percentage cards, their tuition credit will be greater, as well as the profit for SJA.) Take advantage of Quick Pick days, especially around the holidays.

I pay my tuition in full. Can I still use Scrip?

YES! You would pay your full tuition, except for your last month's payment. Then in early March, you will receive a tuition credit slip with your discount. You will need to include this credit slip with your discounted final payment. If you decide to pay your tuition in full before March 2010, Scrip credits cannot be applied.

What if I don't reach the \$2000.00 requirement?

It is important to know that even if you do not reach the \$2000 minimum purchase requirement to qualify for a tuition credit, Saint Joan of Arc still makes a profit from your purchases, regardless of the amount.

How do I get an order form?

You should receive an order form in the Wednesday envelope each week. You will also receive a blank order form every time you order. Order forms can also be found in the school office in the wall organizer with all of the other important school forms. And lastly, an order form is posted on the SJA Blog – look under the Resources page and scroll down to locate SCRIP.

I don't see the store I shop at on the order form.

We can't possibly fit all of the vendors on our order form. You can check out the Manna Group website for a list of all of the gift cards we can order (www.mannagroup.net). Fill in the vendor name and the discount they offer (the discount listed on the web page and subtract 1) as well as how many cards you want to purchase with the total.

Do I need to keep track of my spending and tuition credit?

No. We do that for you. Each week we enter your order into a program that keeps track of your tuition credit. In February you will receive a print out of where you stand with your order totals. Then in early March you will receive your final Scrip Tuition Credit form.

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