

scrip (scrip) *n.* 1. A really weird name for a really great fundraising idea

St. Joseph School earns more than \$30,000 each year with our scrip program. This page tells you all you need to know to help us earn even more this year.

Scrip is the easiest way for you to raise money for St. Joseph School, once you get in the habit. Unlike other fundraising initiatives, scrip allows you to support the school while making purchases you would make anyway. Groceries, clothing, toys, gifts, even gasoline can be purchased with scrip.

The scrip program works like this:

1. St. Joseph School buys gift cards from dozens of retailers (at a discount)
2. You buy those gift cards from the school (at face value)
3. You can use the cards yourself, or give them as gifts to friends, family, teachers
4. St. Joseph School makes money, and you don't spend an extra penny

For instance, let's say you shop at QFC. Instead of writing a check the next time you shop, you pay with a gift card you've bought from St. Joseph School. Your groceries cost you the same amount, but our school earns 5%.

We offer cards from an assortment of local (QFC, Red Robin) and nationwide (Safeway, Starbucks, Gap, Barnes & Noble) vendors, and several online retailers like amazon.com and iTunes. Stop by the Development office to see the list of hundreds of merchants who participate in this program.

We keep many popular cards in stock, and we'll be happy to order others and have them for you in a few days.

What's the catch? There really isn't one. If you've ever bought a gift card, then you know what it's like to buy scrip.

How do you get started? Start by using scrip for just your groceries and coffee. We'll set you up with Starbucks or Tullys cards, and cards for just about any grocery store in Seattle. Our school earns most of our money on grocery and coffee purchases, and it's an easy way for you to start.

How do you pay for scrip? We accept cash or check, and for large purchases, you may also use a debit card. Unfortunately, credit card company fees and charges would offset any profits we earn.

When and where is scrip sold? We sell scrip at a table right outside the development office each morning and afternoon that school is in session. Stop by after you drop your child off, or just before you pick up. (We sometimes offer scrip at Mass and special events.)

Can people outside St. Joseph School use our scrip? You bet they can. Grandparents love scrip. If your company gives gift cards at year-end or for bonuses, why not buy them from St. Joseph? We will cheerfully accommodate your bulk orders.

Do the cards expire? Most gift cards have no expiration date. Use them just like cash.

Any questions? Contact Advancement (advancement@stjosephsea.org)

One last thing: Please help us sell scrip! Whether you are new to our community, or you've been here for years, it's a fantastic way to meet other parents and to have fun while raising money for St. Joseph School.