

Welcome Back to Scrip!

September 10, 2018

Dear St. Mary Families:

Welcome back to school, and welcome back to scrip! This PPA program provides a great opportunity to raise funds for the school with your everyday spending on things like groceries, gas, clothing, and other household items without any selling or extra spending. **Last year we raised more than \$3,000.**

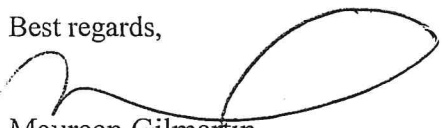
For those new to the program, here's how it works: You can order scrip (gift cards) at face value through our parents' organization to use for your everyday shopping and dining at merchants such as ShopRite, Walmart, Target, and many others. As a nonprofit organization, we purchase these gift cards at a discount determined by the retailer (an average of about 5%, although many offer more). The difference between the face value and what we pay is retained as our rebate. The cards will generally be delivered to you the same week your order is placed (usually on Friday for orders placed by Monday), and you can then use them for your everyday purchases. Just changing how you pay for things you routinely buy can have a great impact on our fundraising efforts!

Several of our families who use scrip for everyday purchases are regularly earning \$20 a month or more in rebates for the school. **Note that families who earn a minimum of \$50 in rebates by June 30, 2019 will be eligible for a waiver on next year's PPA dues!** Many have also found it to be a useful budgeting tool, helping them plan their expenses and even save incrementally toward large planned purchases (vacations, appliances, etc.). This program also makes shopping for gifts simple, as you can order all the gift cards you need for birthday gifts, Christmas giving, and other occasions from one place without running from store to store. There are no minimum or maximum orders!

We will be ordering the 3rd Monday of each Month. Only one order a month will be placed this year, this is a change from previous years. The first order deadline will be Monday, September 17. All orders must be paid for at the time they are placed via cash or check (payable to St. Mary PPA). Delivery date for that order will be Friday, September 21st. Orders will be sent home via weekly folder or may be picked up at afternoon dismissal on the delivery date (please indicate your preference on the order form).

I encourage you to review the attached information and consider how you can help just by shopping with the children of St. Mary School in mind! Please contact me if you have any questions on ordering or any other aspects of the program.

Best regards,



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St. Mary PPA Scrip FAQs

When Can I Order?

We generally order every 2 weeks, depending on the amount of orders we have, and more weekly during peak times (holidays, end of school year). Here is our anticipated schedule for the remainder of 2018.

Order Deadline

Sept 17, 2018

Oct. 15, 2018

Nov 26, 2018

December 10, 2018

Orders received after a listed order date will be held until the next order is placed. In the event that you need cards by a certain date, please make sure to let us know when you order so that we can inform you right away if we cannot meet that date.

If there are any changes to this schedule, we will send a notification to families via an e-mail to the PPA mailing list.

Can I Get ... ?

Please check our order form, which is kept up to date and sent home periodically in your blue folder. It is also available on the PPA Web site. If you don't see something you are looking for on there, check www.glscrip.com and click "Retailer List" at the bottom of that page for a complete list of cards that are available to order.

Do the Gift Cards Expire?

No! These are exactly the same as cards you would purchase at retail outlets. There are no activation or convenience fees, and cards do not expire.

Can I Pay with a Credit Card?

Unfortunately, we can't accept credit cards for payment. In many cases, the fee we would have to pay the credit card company to maintain an account and accept payments would exceed the rebate we earn. Obviously, this doesn't work out too well when trying to operate a fundraiser! Payment can be made via cash or check made payable to St. Mary PPA. You can also sign up for PrestoPay, which allows you to pay electronically via debit from your bank account. Details are available online or on request

Questions?

Contact Maureen Gilmartin, Scrip Coordinator
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On the Web

Order forms are available on the PPA Web site: <http://ssl.stmaryfishkill.net>

For a complete list of participating retailers, see: www.glscrip.com

For 24/7 online ordering (St. Mary PPA code: FAF974L124985):

www.shopwithscrip.com