

## ST. JOAN OF ARC

### SCRIP PROGRAM

2009 – 2010

The Scrip program offers St. Joan of Arc school the opportunity to generate revenue at **no cost to your family**. This revenue enables the school to narrow the gap between the real cost of educating your child(ren) and the tuition charged for the school year. This program will help ensure the continuation of programs that are being cut in schools such as physical education, music and art.

We have implemented **mandatory** participation in the Scrip program for families of children attending St. Joan of Arc school. These Scrip cards can be used to purchase products or services. **Families will pay for (and receive) the face value of the Scrip card**, the school receives a % of the Scrip card's face value in the form of a discount from the retailer.

**EXAMPLE:** When you purchase a \$100 Shop 'n Save Scrip card, you receive a Shop 'n Save Scrip card with a value of \$100. SJA will receive a benefit contribution of 6% (or \$6) from Shop 'n Save.

Scrip cards can be purchased for grocery stores (like Dierbergs and Shop 'n Save), gas stations (like BP and Shell), and over 100 other major retailers, restaurants and entertainment venues. J.C. Penny and Kohl's accept Scrip cards to pay on your credit card accounts. Dierbergs, Shop 'n Save and Walgreens accept Scrip cards to purchase your prescriptions.

**Each family is required to purchase Scrip cards amounting to a total of \$150 in benefit contributions each 10-month tuition period.**

In order to reach your yearly \$150 contribution, it is necessary to be aware of the benefit percentage that each individual Scrip card carries.

**EXAMPLE:**

If you purchase \$300 a month in Scrip cards with a **5% benefit**, your yearly benefit contribution will total \$150 (5% of \$300).

If you purchase \$300 a month in Scrip cards with a **1% benefit**, your yearly benefit contribution will total \$30 (1% of \$300).

We will track each purchase by family name and a written receipt. It is your responsibility to retain your copy of the receipt. This will be the **only** proof of your Scrip purchase for this program.

**NOTE: A buyout option is also available.** You can choose to write a check for \$200 (one-time payment at the beginning of each school year) to the SJA Scrip program to fulfill your mandatory requirement for the current school year. (You are still encouraged to participate in the Scrip program when possible.)

Payment is required for all Scrip at the time of purchase and/or when placing an order. Your account will be reviewed at the end of each quarter and non-compliance in the program or buyout will initially postpone delivery of report cards.

Any questions contact Cindy Staub (RCStaub@swbell.net or 644-0445) or Michelle Byers (481-1975)

**\*\*\*\* This program requires nothing but your participation! \*\*\*\***

## ***What Is Scrip?***

Scrip is a term that means "substitute money". When you purchase scrip, you're purchasing negotiable gift certificates and prepaid cards that are used just like cash. You can use scrip to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, and other essentials, and with every purchase, you earn revenue for our organization.

## ***How scrip generates revenue for St. Joan of Arc:***

The Great Lakes Scrip Center acts on behalf of churches, schools and other non-profit organizations to purchase large amounts of scrip from grocery stores, department stores, and other retailers. Because the scrip is purchased with cash up front, the participating retailers offer a substantial discount. Our organization buys the scrip from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a discount, and re-sells the certificates to families like yours for full face value. The discount - from two to fifteen percent or more - is our organization's revenue.

## ***Scrip is "shopping cart fundraising":***

Scrip is a popular fundraiser because families don't have to sell anything. Organization members produce revenue by making regular household purchases they would make anyway. Groceries, clothing, toys, gifts, even gasoline can be purchased with scrip.

## ***Three Easy Ways to place your order:***

1. Pick-up in-stock gift cards in the back of church after weekend masses.
2. Pick-up in-stock gift cards at the Rectory during office hours.
3. Send completed Scrip Order Form to school with your child.

Within a few days, in-stock gift cards are sent home with your child.

\*\*\* Special Order gift cards can be placed via the Scrip Order Form through any of the above three options. Special Orders placed by 12:30pm on Sunday will be ready for pick-up by Thursday. (See attached .pdf file for list of all Special Order cards available.)

When you spend \$50 or more, your name goes into the monthly raffle for an opportunity to win a \$25 gift card of your choice (with a \$10.00 tax amount)

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