

SCRIP QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



Question: What is scrip and how does it work?

Answer: Scrip is a term that means "substitute money." Basically it means gift cards. Non-profit organizations such as St. Agnes Home and School are able to purchase gift cards at a discount and keep the difference as revenue. We have chosen to partner with Great Lakes Scrip Center to purchase the gift cards. If you purchase a \$100.00 gift card from a retailer that offers a 5% rebate, you will receive a gift card valued \$100.00. Home and School keeps the \$5.00 (5% rebate) as a profit.

Question: How do I get started with scrip?

Answer:

1. Complete a St. Agnes Scrip enrollment form. Each school has its own enrollment form so make sure it is a **St. Agnes Form**. You may send it in with your first order. It must be received before your first order is processed.
2. Register with ShopWithScrip.com if you plan to order your scrip online. Our enrollment code is 77C277D112124.
3. Place your order on ShopWithScrip.com. Print your confirmation page and choose your pick up option.
4. Send your confirmation page along with your check made out to St. Agnes H&S to the office no later than 8:00 a.m. on Monday mornings.
5. Pick up your gift cards at St. Agnes office or have your order sent home with your student.
6. Paper orders may still be used if needed.

Question: How do I send in my payment?

Answer: For your first order, send your ShopWithScrip order confirmation page, a check payable to St. Agnes H&S Scrip and St. Agnes Scrip enrollment form in an envelope marked "Scrip Order." You or your student can take it to the school office. You will receive your scrip gift cards in a manila scrip envelope. We ask that you reuse this scrip envelope when sending in future order confirmations and payments. This will help us keep down administrative costs.

Question: Can I pay for scrip with a credit card?

Answer: No. The only form of payment we are able to accept is a check made payable to St. Agnes H&S. NO CASH PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Question: What happens if my student forgets to turn in my payment?

Answer: We will not be able to process your order without your payment. In order to process scrip orders and receive gift card shipments in a timely manner we must adhere to the 8:00 a.m. deadline for payment receipt.

Question: When can I place my order and send in payment?

Answer: You may place orders anytime. ShopWithScrip.com is available 24 hours a day. Orders will be processed weekly according to our ordering schedule. You do not need to wait until the order processing date to send in your confirmation and payment. If you order on a Wednesday go ahead and send everything in the next day. We will hold your payment securely until the next order processing date. Paper orders may be sent to the office any day but must be received by Monday morning by 8:30 a.m.

Question: When may I pick up my scrip order?

Answer: Your weekly scrip order will be available for pick up at St. Agnes on Thursday from 2:30 to 3:15 p.m. or Friday from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. at the school office. Any orders not picked up during those times will be held securely until you are able to pick it up. You may also choose to send your scrip home with your student. This schedule may be modified for holidays. If severe weather results in a delayed shipment (we use FedEx) we will make your order available to you as soon as possible.

Question: Can you mail my scrip to me?

Answer: No. Scrip gift cards are cash. The cost of insuring the package would negate the rebate profit.

Question: I would like my student to bring my scrip order home for me. Can this be arranged?

Answer: Yes. When you print your confirmation page you will need to choose a pick up option. Check "Other" and list your student's name. **STUDENTS RECEIVE YOUR ORDER AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY ONLY (GENERALLY THURSDAY)**. Please be aware that scrip gift cards are CASH and should be handled accordingly. Once your student receives the gift cards they are his/her responsibility. St. Agnes H&S Scrip Program will not be responsible for scrip cards which are lost, stolen or misplaced once they are delivered to you or your student.

Question: Can I use the gift cards online? Do the gift cards expire?

Answer: Each retailer has its own usage guidelines. Most are not restrictive, but some will have specific guidelines for using that card. For a complete list of retailers and their guidelines visit www.ShopWithScrip.com. We encourage you to check out each retailer you shop with before ordering so you won't have any surprises or difficulties using the gift cards.

Question: I asked a store if they take Scrip, and they said no. Please explain.

Answer: Scrip is just a name for a type of gift card fund raising. We have chosen to use the Great Lakes Scrip Center as our fundraising partner. GLSC contracts with hundreds of national retailers' headquarters to purchase gift cards at a discounted rate. GLSC then sells those gift cards to non-profit organizations such as St. Agnes H&S for a discount. Most local stores are unaware their corporations have contracted the discount. Gift cards purchased through GLSC are the same as gift cards you would purchase locally. The only difference is we get to keep a percentage as a rebate.

Question: I tried to order scrip for Romano's Macaroni Grill, but I couldn't find them listed on the shopwithscrip.com order page. Why not?

Answer: Some businesses are owned by a parent company that has multiple businesses. If you are looking for a particular chain click on "Retailers" on ShopWithScrip.com and do a search. A search for Romano's Macaroni Grill will tell you to order Chili's Grill and Bar. The Chili's gift cards are redeemable at Chili's, Macaroni Grill, On the Border, and Maggiano's Little Italy. Another example of a multi card is Old Navy, Gap and Banana Republic.

Question: There are so many retailers; I hardly know where to start! Suggestions?

Answer: A good place to begin is to print a list of retailers. From the "Retailers" page on ShopWithScrip.com you will be able to print a 3 column list. Take a highlighter and a few minutes to sit down and look through all the retailers, highlighting the ones where you shop and eat. You might be surprised how many of your favorite stores, restaurants, hotels, etc. participate with scrip.

Question: Why aren't Auto Magic and Dillon's listed on the GLSC or ShopWithScrip retailer list?

Answer: We are very fortunate to have locally owned and regional businesses who have generously agreed to participate in our scrip program on a local basis. Currently they are A&B Cycle, Anna Sophia's, Auto Magic-Orman LLC, Cody's Convenience Stores, Dillon's, Harter House, Quizno's and Planet Sub. While they may not appear on the retailer list they are on the ShopWithScrip order site within the category the business would fall under such as "gas." You may order gift cards from these local businesses at the same time you place the rest of your scrip order. We thank these businesses for supporting Springfield Catholic Schools!

Question: Last month I purchased Barnes and Noble gift cards for an 11% rebate. Why is their rebate now 9%?

Answer: Some retailers choose to offer temporary bonus discounts. They may temporarily increase their discount before Mother's Day, summer vacation, back to school or Christmas. Other changes that may occur are a retailer changing the denomination of the gift cards they offer, new retailers join GLSC, or occasionally a retailer may choose to stop participating with GLSC. If you would like to stay up to date with these changes you can register for email updates at www.glscrip.com. Click on "What's New" then "Email Subscription." By ordering with ShopWithScrip.com the most accurate denominations and rebates will always be listed.

Question: Please explain scrip for tuition.

Answer: Effective March 1, 2008 you will have the option of applying one half (50%) of your family's earned scrip rebate towards your family's tuition bill. The scrip fiscal year will run March 1 through February 28 (29). Fifty percent of your family's rebate earned during the fiscal year may be applied toward your family's tuition for the following year. The rebate earned March 1, 2008 to February 28, 2009 will apply towards your 2009-2010 tuition.

Question: My youngest child is in 8th grade and we won't be attending SCHS. What happens to our tuition rebate?

Question: I don't need/want 50% of our family's rebate for our tuition. What are my options?

Answer: You may choose to direct the tuition portion of your rebate to another SCS family, your parish's tuition assistance program or back to St. Agnes Home and School. These options vary slightly from school to school so be sure to check each school's guidelines.

Question: I would like to change how the tuition portion of my rebate is directed. How do I do this?

Answer: Once you submit your enrollment form no changes can be made until the next scrip fiscal year on March 1.

Question: I have children at more than one Catholic school. How will scrip work in this situation?

Answer: If you order from St. Agnes, 50% of the rebate will remain with St. Agnes Home and School. If you order from one of the other grade schools or from SCHS, 50% of the rebate will remain with that school's H&S. You might choose to alternate ordering from each school every other week in order to support both Home and School organizations. If you choose to order from more than one school you will need to enroll with each school's scrip program. The tuition portion of your rebates will be totaled at Central Office and applied to your tuition bill.

Question: Why should I use scrip?

Answer: Scrip is an easy way to support your children's education. This is a NO SELLING fund raiser. Revenue is earned by making regular household purchases you would make anyway. The money earned for St. Agnes Home and School stays at St. Agnes benefiting your children. And you can reduce your tuition bill while making your normal household purchases!

Question: Can my relatives use the scrip program?

Answer: Yes. You can order for them on your account or they can enroll and set up their own account. They will need to complete an enrollment form, register with ShopWithScrip.com and abide by the same usage guidelines as St. Agnes families. They may choose to direct 50% of their rebate to your tuition (check "Other SCS Family" and fill in name), to an SCS supporting parish or to St. Agnes Home and School. Please understand their scrip order will come to St. Agnes and will need to be picked up following our pick up schedule.

Question: Does my using scrip really make a difference?

Answer: Yes! Even little orders add up!

Number of Families Participating	Average Weekly Purchases	Dollars Raised Annually (5% average)
25	\$100	\$6,500
50	\$100	\$13,000
100	\$100	\$26,000
200	\$100	\$52,000

Question: What is your ordering schedule?

Answer: Generally, we will process orders on Monday mornings and have gift cards ready for pick up on Thursday afternoon and Friday. The schedule will be altered for holidays and GLSC scheduled closings.

ORDER PROCESSED

Monday, March 3

Monday, March 10

No Order Week of March 17 (Holy Week)

Tuesday, March 25

No Order Week of April 7 (Great Lakes Scrip closed for vacation)

No Order Week of April 14 (Spring Break)

Monday, April 21

Monday, April 28

Monday, May 5

Monday, May 12

PICK UP*

Thurs./Fri., March 6/7

Thurs./Fri., March 13/14

Thurs./Fri., March 27/28

Thurs./Fri., April 24/25

Thurs./Fri., May 1/2

Thurs./Fri., May 8/9

Thurs./Fri., May 15/16

*Pick up schedule: Thursday 2:30 to 3:15 at school office

Friday 7:30 to 8:00 at school office

Sent home with your student Thursday afternoon

Question: What happens to my scrip order if school is cancelled due to weather or other emergency?

Answer: If school is cancelled on Monday we will process orders on Tuesday and use express shipping so we can adhere to our regular pick up schedule. If school is cancelled on Monday and Tuesday we will not process orders that week. Orders will be held and processed on the next scheduled order date. A general rule is there will not be a scrip order if school is not in session at least 4 days that week. Rarely severe weather may delay receipt of the scrip order. (The gift cards are shipped from Michigan, and severe weather in other parts of the country may disrupt FedEx shipments.) In this case we will make every effort to make your scrip order available to you as soon as possible.

Questions: I still have questions. Where can I find more information?

Answer: www.ShopWithScrip.com has a Family User Guide that you can download. ShopWithScrip along with www.glscrip.com has a lot of information regarding what's new, FAQ's and retailers. Of course you can always contact a St. Agnes Scrip Coordinator. We will be glad to help you better understand scrip and how it can benefit your school and your family tuition. Our email is www.stagnesscrip@yahoo.com. You can call us with your questions.

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