



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL ARNOLD, MO

What is Scrip?

Scrip is fundraising while you shop. In this program, you purchase Scrip cards from the school for goods and services you normally use. Families use the retail gift cards to pay for everyday purchases (like gas and groceries) instead of the usual credit/debit card or other money. You receive full value for your Scrip cards and the school gets a percentage of the purchase (percent varies per retailer).

Why Scrip?

We see Scrip as a "win-win" for families and the school. The Scrip program allows us to keep our tuition costs lower because we generate over \$25,000 in Scrip profits each year. Families get full value for their Scrip card purchases (you receive goods and services instead of increased tuition) and the school generates Scrip money to offset budget expenses.

Who is required to use the Scrip program?

All school families benefit from the Scrip program, so we expect everyone to participate in the program. All school families (PreK-8) must purchase Scrip cards from the school.

What is the Scrip requirement?

School families must purchase an average of \$300 per month (for Aug – May). Any Scrip card purchases in June and July are also credited to the family account for the upcoming school year.

What if I don't want to participate in the Scrip program?

Families may "buy out" of the Scrip program by paying \$75 per semester.

How are the Scrip profits used by the school?

The Scrip card profits are used to offset the school budget expenses. The Scrip program generates over \$25,000 in profit each year. If we didn't use the Scrip program, we would need to raise tuition an additional \$150 per student (PK-8) each year.

Can other family members purchase Scrip cards and credit their purchase to a school family account?

Yes, we encourage grandparents, aunts and uncles, cousins ... any family member ... to purchase Scrip cards and help support their family and our school. The more Scrip cards you purchase, the more everyone benefits. Non-family members can credit their Scrip purchase to a school family by identifying the family or child at the time of purchase (new for 2015-2016 school year).

Can non-school families purchase Scrip cards?

Yes. We have many congregation members and community members that support our school with their Scrip purchases; their "profit" goes to the school, not a specific family. The more Scrip cards we sell, the more everyone benefits.

What Scrip cards are available?

Scrip cards are available for just about any national retailer and many local retailers too. Check the order form or online order to see the list of retailers.

When can I buy the Scrip cards?

You can purchase Scrip cards at a worship service each weekend and in the school office during the week. Most cards are readily available for purchase; some cards may require a special order (delivery within 1-2 weeks).