

2008-2009

St Pius X Home & School Association

SCRIP Fundraising Program

What is the SCRIP Program?

The SCRIP program is an ongoing fundraiser for the school. Home & School purchases gift certificates and/or plastic gift cards from national and local businesses at a discount. Discounts range from 1.5% to 30%. Home & School then resells the certificates at face value to participants. The difference between the discounted purchase price and resell value is our profit. In turn, Home & School shares that profit with participating families.

What is the Home and School Association?

Home and School is an organization which supports our school through service projects, special events, and fundraising.

Why is SCRIP “easy” fundraising?

Many purchases such as groceries, clothing, gas, toys, and gifts can all be bought with SCRIP. When we use SCRIP, we are raising money for our school and ourselves *without spending an additional penny.*

How do St. Pius families benefit from purchasing SCRIP certificates?

The profit from each certificate is split between Home and School (60%) and your family (40%). You can allocate your portion to any one of the following:

- *Your St. Pius X School tuition account
- *St. Pius X Home and School Association
- *St. Pius X Parish
- *Project Hope Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program
- *Another St. Pius X family’s tuition account
- *Dowling High School tuition account
- *Faith Formation tuition account
- *Anonymous tuition sponsor for a family in need

Here is an example of how the profit share is split between Home and School and your designated option:

Purchase \$100 worth of gift cards for Merle Hay Mall.
The total profit share for Merle Hay Mall is 10% (this amount varies for each business).
 $\$100 \times 10\% = \10.00
 $\$10.00 \times 40\% = \4.00 for your designated option
 $\$10.00 \times 60\% = \6.00 for Home and School

How does St. Pius X School benefit from the selling of SCRIP certificates?

Home and School uses their 60% of the profit to run the many ongoing programs and projects that they sponsor at our school.

How do families sign up for the SCRIP program?

There is an enrollment form to complete. Fill it out and return it to school or a team member. You will be issued a plastic folder with an order form inside. The label on the folder will have your account name and the method of delivery that you choose. *EVERY* order *MUST* be placed by using this folder.

When and where can SCRIP be purchased?

In-stock SCRIP is available for purchase in person on Tuesday mornings from 7:50 – 8:10 am by the school office. Walk in orders are filled at that time as available. If your order items are not in stock, leave your plastic folder with the cashier and the certificates will be ordered and sent home in your plastic folder with your child on Friday or can be picked up at the school office on Friday from 2:45 to 3:00 pm.

Orders and payment can also be sent to school in the plastic folder with your child **AT ANY TIME**. If your order is sent on a Tuesday morning, it will be returned with your child the next Friday or held at the office for pickup on Friday. If your order is sent in after Tuesday morning, we will fill what we can on that Friday. Anything left unfilled will be held until the following week and processed on Tuesday for delivery or pickup on the Friday after that.

SCRIP may also be purchased on weekends after the 5 P.M. mass on Saturday or between the 9 A.M. and 11 A.M. masses on Sunday. Scrip will be sold most weekends during the school year. Exceptions are school breaks (i.e. Christmas and spring breaks) and holiday weekends (i.e. Thanksgiving, Easter, etc.)

Where are order forms available?

Order forms are available at the SCRIP registration table. Every SCRIP order will be returned with a new order form. Forms can also be printed from the school website: www.stpiusxschool.org. Denominations and percentages can change often so please try to use the most recent order form possible.

The order form contains many retailers but it is not all inclusive. For a complete listing of participating SCRIP retailers, visit our SCRIP supplier's website, www.glscrip.com.

Is SCRIP sold every Tuesday?

SCRIP orders will be taken most every Tuesday during the school year.

What if there is no school on Friday?

Scrip is sold on a cash and carry basis on Tuesday mornings. In the event of no school on Friday, the order will be held over and processed the following week. The order will be delivered with your child or available for pickup at the office on the following Friday.

What methods of payment are available?

The preferred method of payment is bank check. Cash is accepted as well.

Do the SCRIP Certificates expire?

Some retailers do specify expiration dates or reduce values of cards after a certain amount of time. Verify with the retailer the terms/conditions of gift cards.

Can SCRIP certificates be used in other cities?

Most certificates may be used nationwide, with the exception of those from local businesses.

How successful is SCRIP?

St Pius Home and School has participated in the SCRIP program since the 2000-2001 school year. For the 2007-08 school year, Home & School sold over \$633,000 in SCRIP certificates and realized over \$31,000 in gross profit. Of that \$31,000 in gross profit, over \$13,000 was allocated to participating families' account allocations.

Who can I contact with my Scrip questions?

You can contact Bonnie Ehler (tabehler@msn.com or phone 270-5367) or Denise Youngers (youngers6@mchsi.com or phone 252-0490)

Remember: Volunteers are always needed to run the Scrip program. You can assist by helping on Tuesday or Friday mornings, picking up gift cards from local merchants, or procurement. Many hands make light work!