

## scrip (scrip) n. 1. A really weird name for a really great fundraising idea

Scrip is the easiest way for you to raise money for St. John Vianney School, once you get in the habit. Unlike other fundraising initiatives, scrip allows you to support the school while making purchases you would make anyway. Groceries, clothing, toys, gifts, and even gasoline can be purchased with scrip.

The scrip program works like this:

1. St. John Vianney School buys gift cards from dozens of retailers (at a discount)
2. You buy those gift cards from the school (at face value)
3. You can use the cards yourself or give them as gifts.
4. St. John Vianney School makes money, and you don't spend an extra dime.

For instance, let's say you shop at Safeway. Instead of paying with an ATM card the next time you shop, you pay with a gift card you've bought from St. John Vianney School. Your groceries cost you the same amount, but our school earns 4%.

We offer cards from an assortment of nationwide (Starbucks, Old Navy, Arco, Chevron) retailers, and even online retailer Amazon. com. [Click here](#) to see the list of hundreds of merchants who participate in this program.

We keep many popular cards in stock, and we can order other varieties upon your request so you can have them in about a week.

*Why should I buy scrip?* The Scrip Program is an easy-to-use revenue generator for the school. The money that the program brings in will help keep our tuition down. With the help and creativity of our school families, we hope to bring in enough revenue to buy school necessities such as computers, additional teacher training, desks and other supplies. You also get....

### **PARENT PARTICIPATION HOURS!**

With our **Easy 20** Program, every \$200 of scrip purchased is worth one Parent Participation Hour. You can easily earn up to 20 hours just by filling up the car, going to Starbucks, buying groceries, and eating at your favorite restaurant. Best of all, we'll keep track of the hours for you when you order online through <http://www.shopwithscrip.com>

*What's the catch?* There really isn't one. If you've ever bought a gift card, then you know what it's like to buy scrip.

*How can I use scrip?* Here's an example of how you can use scrip in a typical day:

1. Drop kids off at school and swing by **Starbucks** for your morning coffee.
2. Fill car up with gas at **ARCO**.
3. Have lunch with friend or co-worker at **Chipotle**.
4. Stop by **Big 5 Sporting Goods** to buy athletic shoes and supplies for basketball season. Then stop by **Mervyn's** for one of their mega sales.
5. At dinner time swing by **Burger King** on the way to baseball practice.
6. While kids are at practice, go grocery shopping at **Safeway** and pick up prescriptions at **Longs Drugs**.
7. Thinking forward to weekend home improvement projects, you can purchase **Home Depot** or **Lowe's** cards.
8. Plan for date night on Saturday evening. You might choose **Outback** for dinner and a movie at **Regal Theaters** in El Dorado Hills. You will want to stop by **Blockbuster Video** to get a few DVD's for the kids to watch while you are out.
9. The kids' uniforms are getting small again (already?!), so it's time for yet another trip to **Dennis Uniforms**.
10. You realize that you are taking a business trip next week so you need some **Marriott** scrip.
11. The week after next you are planning a trip to Disneyland. Pre-order your **Disney** scrip that can be used on Disney.com, at the ticket booths and at all establishments in Disneyland or Disneyworld.

This simple real-life scenario would net the school approximately \$200. It may not sound like much but that is for just a week for one family. Multiply this by 200 families and that nets \$40,000 for the school for the week. You get the picture.

*How do you get started?* Start by using scrip for just your gas and coffee - we'll set you up with Arco, Chevron, or Starbucks card, and then you can get cards for just about any restaurant. After that, you can send in your order to the school using the [scrip order form](#), or better yet, use the online service at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) to securely order scrip any time day or night, from any internet-connected computer. Use our enrollment code **9C72898A1794L** to sign up at the shopwithscrip website.

*How do you pay for scrip?* We accept cash or check only at the school. You now also have the option to pay online with the Presto-Pay option at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com).

*When and where is scrip sold?* We will sell scrip in the office on Friday mornings and afternoon when school is in session. Stop by after you drop your child off, or just before you pick up. As time goes on, we plan to make the scrip easily available to all parents so that you are encouraged to use it.

*Can people outside St. John Vianney School use our scrip?* You bet they can. Grandparents love scrip. If your company gives gift cards at year-end or for bonuses, why not buy them from St. John Vianney ? We will cheerfully accommodate your bulk orders.

*Do the cards expire?* Most gift cards have no expiration date. Use them just like cash.

*Any questions?* Contact Andy Oushakoff at [Andy.Oushakoff@yahoo.com](mailto:Andy.Oushakoff@yahoo.com)

*One last thing:* Please help us sell scrip! Whether you are new to our community, or you've been here for years, it's a fantastic way to meet other parents, have fun while raising money for St. John Vianney School, and earn Parent Participation Hours!