



Dear SCS Families, both old and new—

I am sure you have heard the word SCRIP bouncing around the school, and for those of you who do not know what it is, here are a few tidbits of valuable info--

- Scrip is a term that means, "substitute money". When you purchase SCRIP from the school, you are purchasing negotiable gift certificates that are used just like cash. The SCRIP is issued by the national and local retailers where many of you already shop. These merchants want to support non-profit organizations, and in return ask you to support them by shopping with SCRIP at their stores. You can use SCRIP to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, and other essentials, and with every purchase, you earn revenue for our school.
- How SCRIP generates revenue for you. 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. You write your order on the SCRIP form, send it in with your payment, the SCRIP coordinator buys the scrip from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a discount, and the bulk of the discount - from two to fifteen percent or more - is retained by your organization in the school SCRIP account as revenue!
- The reason for the effectiveness of SCRIP is simple: families generate revenue through purchases they would make anyway. Groceries, clothing, toys, gifts, even gasoline can be purchased with SCRIP. An organization of 150 families easily spends between one and two million dollars per year on food, clothing and other essentials. Families who purchase SCRIP certificates actively support the retailers who participate in this program. The reason is simple... they know that buying from a SCRIP participating retailer provides a steady source of revenue for their school, or non-profit organization.

Please review the attached list of local vendors, and also go the SCRIP website

([www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com)) to see the entire list, as many folks purchase non-local SCRIP for their families who live in other states where those vendors sell. It is a big list, so happy shopping! If you have any questions, give me a call at 873-9310.

Smiles to you,

Mrs. Todd, coordinator