

Little Flower School Fundraiser/Tuition Credit Program October, 2008 Update



Fundraising without donating??? That's Right!

Have you ever contributed to a fund-raiser without spending any money out of your pocket? That's what our SCRIP program is – you purchase gift cards to use for your regular expenses (like gas, groceries, restaurants, & merchandise) and the retailers that you do business with donate money to our school! You use the money that you would spend anyway on expenses - there's no out-of-pocket expense to you, and you benefit with tuition credit. It's a win-win proposition! You could be contributing a portion of all of the money that you spend on groceries, gas, restaurants, clothing and much more to our school. And even better, half of what you raise will be shared with you in the form of tuition credit. Here's a hypothetical example:

If you spend	you could raise	that's
\$100/week on groceries	\$5/week	\$260/year
\$50/week on gas	\$2/week	\$104/year
\$50/week in restaurants	\$5/week	\$260/year
\$50/month on clothes	\$5/month	\$60/year
\$100/month at Walmart	\$2/month	<u>\$24/year</u>
Total =		\$708/year

This example raises a total of \$708 per year just by doing your routine shopping with SCRIP cards. If you don't participate in the tuition credit benefit, 100% of these funds benefit LFS. This hypothetical family earns \$354 in tuition credit and also contributes \$354 to our school – what a great gift for everyone! Now if this family also has family and/or friends who want to participate at these same levels, they could do so and earn additional tuition credit for this family. So they could double and triple these figures if they wanted to – that's \$708 or \$1062 or more in tuition credit. There's no limit to the amount of money that you can raise in tuition credit, and the more you raise in tuition credit, the more you raise for our school also.

Our SCRIP purchases in the current fiscal year (June - September) have raised a total of \$5323.16. Of that total, \$2292.54 has been granted in tuition credit and \$3030.62 is funds raised for our school. Thank you for your support! If you haven't tried the program yet, please consider it. There is something for everyone!

Have You Checked Out the GoodShop Feature of the GoodSearch Website?

Here's another great way to put your shopping dollars to work raising money for LFS – with no money out of your pocket! If you haven't tried using GoodSearch as your internet search engine – check it out. You can earn money for LFS with every internet search. Even better, GoodSearch has a GoodShop feature which links you to some of your favorite online retailers and automatically donates a portion of your purchases to LFS (as much as 5% or more). Check it out at <http://www.goodsearch.com/goodshopping.aspx>. Many of the online retailers will allow you to use gift cards to pay for your purchases as well. So you could raise money by purchasing SCRIP and then raise money again by using it to pay for an online purchase through GoodShop. The online retailers accessible through GoodShop include Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble, Best Buy, Dick's, Eddie Bauer, Disney, Gap, GNC, iTunes, Kohl's, Lands End, Macy's Target, Staples, Sears, Office Depot, and many many more. So if you shop online at all, please check to see if the retailers you shop are accessible through GoodShop and be sure to use the link and raise funds for LFS. And if you can use your SCRIP cards to pay for your purchase, you'll raise even more!

HAVE YOU ENROLLED IN THE TUITION SAVERS CLUB YET?

Extras Available

The following gift cards are in stock and available for purchase (after mass and in the school office during regular business hours):

Merchandise: \$10 Barnes & Noble; \$10 Bath & Body Works, \$25 Build-A-Bear Workshop; \$10 Claire's; \$25 Dick's Sporting Goods; \$5 Ergadoo, \$25 Macy's; \$25 Michael's; \$25 Old Navy/GAP; \$25 Walmart; \$25 Walgreens

Restaurants: \$25 Applebee's; \$10 Arby's; \$2 Baskin Robbins; \$10 Bob Evans; \$25 Chili's; \$10 Chuck E Cheese; \$10 Cracker Barrel \$5 KFC; \$25 O'Charley's; \$10 Panera; \$10 Papa John's Pizza, \$10 Pizza Hut; \$10 Starbucks; \$10 Subway; \$25 TGI Friday's

Grocery: \$25 & \$50 Cub Foods; \$25 Schnuck's; \$25 & \$50 Shop n Save

Gas: \$10 Thornton's Gas (rechargeable card)

Miscellaneous: Festive Gift Card Wrappers (for gift giving), SCRIP wallets



Some important information about the LFS SCRIP program follows:

- When you purchase SCRIP, you're purchasing negotiable gift certificates and prepaid cards that are used just like cash. You can use SCRIP to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, gas, and other essentials. With every purchase, you raise funds for LFS. The gift cards that SCRIP provides to customers are the same gift cards you would buy if you went to the participating retailer and purchased them yourself. LFS purchases the certificates at a discount (reflected on the order form) and sells them to you for the full face value. So the money we raise comes from the businesses you frequent, not from you!
- Orders are taken for SCRIP certificates and payment must be made at the time that the order is placed. Payment can be by check or cash. No order will be taken without payment.
- A limited supply of extra gift cards will be available for sale after all of the masses on the weekend after an order deadline and also during the week in the school office.
- Order forms and updated information about the program will be in the church bulletin, at all church entrances, in the regular school correspondence and on the school website (<http://www.little-flower.org/scrip.cfm>).
- The deadline to place an order is 9:00 on Monday. Refer to the order schedule below for the order deadlines.

Orders received by:	Ready for pickup:	Orders received by:	Ready for pickup:
Monday, October 20	Thursday, October 23	Monday, December 1	Thursday, December 4
Monday, November 3	Thursday, November 6	Monday, December 15	Thursday, December 18
Monday, November 17	Thursday, November 20	Monday, January 5	Thursday, January 8

- Orders can be mailed or brought to the church or school office during regular business hours, or dropped in the collection basket at church in an envelope marked "SCRIP". If you mail an order, make sure it will arrive no later than the order deadline.
- The order form will indicate 3 possible ways to pick up the certificates: 1.) after mass; 2.) in the school office; 3) sent with a student in the Thursday packet. The purchaser will be asked to indicate where he/she will pick up the certificates.
- You can join the SCRIP Tuition Saver's club and earn tuition credit for your participation in the SCRIP program. Refer to the "Frequently Asked Questions" sheet for more details about this great benefit.

If you have any questions or comments about the SCRIP program, contact Diane Elmer at 585-9096 or scrip@little-flower.org.

