



## IHM Scrip Family Rewards Program

Immaculate Heart of Mary School families are asked to participate in the Scrip Family Rewards Program. The program benefits both the school and families with children in the Catholic school system. Scrip is a program where families purchase gift cards from a list of participating stores, gas stations, restaurants, specialty stores, and department stores. Families purchase gift cards at face value and spend them at stores the same as cash. The school purchases the gift cards from the retailers at a discount. For example, a Barnes & Noble \$100 gift card can be purchased for \$91 by the school.

The school will keep track of all purchases by families and will split the savings with the families. Using the \$100 Barnes & Noble gift card example, the school would keep \$4.50 and the family would earn \$4.50. The school would apply the family's money to their last month's tuition at the end of the school year. The school will reinvest their money into the program so that we can have more cards on hand to respond to families request quicker.

The Scrip Family Rewards Program is a great way to raise funds for the school and assist families with school fees. It only requires families to plan ahead a little and change some buying habits without incurring any extra costs. All regular fees and costs of administering the program are covered by the school. There are no requirements for any family to participate in the program. Please refer to the "Frequently Asked Questions" form for details on the program. Further questions can be directed to:

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## **IHM Scrip Family Rewards Program Frequently Asked Questions**

**What is Scrip?** Scrip is “substitute money” (gift cards) that is used just like cash at participating retailers. IHM purchases the gift cards from local merchants and Great Lakes Scrip Center. IHM resells the gift cards at face value and generates revenue by keeping the discounts on each card. The discounts vary by retailer and are noted by the retailer on the forms and on Great Lakes Scrip Center’s website. IHM pays all associated fees and costs associated with the program.

**When can I purchase Scrip?** Scrip can be purchased three different ways.

1. Families will complete the “Great Lakes Scrip Center Order Form” and bring it to the school administration office. It can be given to the receptionist or placed in the Scrip Mail Box in the receptionist office area. These orders will be gathered on a weekly basis. One order will be placed every week on Monday afternoon. All orders must be in the office with a check to be on that weeks order. The scrip should be delivered that week and be ready for distribution by Thursday. Scrip will be sent home in the youngest child’s Thursday packet or will be held in the administrative office if the family would rather have a parent pick up the scrip. If a family would like a special order made and can not wait until the next order date, they may place a special order but they will be responsible for all associated fees and shipping costs.

2. Purchasing directly from Great Lakes Scrip Center: There are three methods to purchase directly from Great Lakes Scrip Center:

a. Enroll in the “PrestoPay“ program on the Shopwithscrip.com website. This program allows you to order your scrip online and have the cost deducted directly from a checking or savings account that you choose. Due to the processing and shipping costs, orders that are placed in this manner will be released by the program administrator when the weekly order is placed after Friday afternoon. The scrip will be shipped with the regular shipment and distributed in Thursday’s packet with the youngest child or held for parent pick up.

b. Recharge a gift card that you have already purchased. There are a limited number of cards that can be recharged. The list of cards is found under the heading Reload Now on the Shopwithscrip.com website. By enrolling in the “Prestopay“ program with Great Lakes Scrip Center, these cards can be recharged by having a checking or savings account debited. A new card is not required therefore there is no need to wait for the weekly order processing.

c. ScripNow! If you are enrolled in “Prestopay” you may pay for a card and receive it within 30 minutes. You will be emailed a secure link that you can go to and then print your scrip card on your printer. You can pay with check through the IHM coordinator but you will not receive the email until the coordinator has the check and releases the order. The list of retailers using this program can be found on the Shopwithscrip.com website.

3. Purchasing scrip that is kept on hand: Families will complete the “On Hand Scrip Form” and bring it to the school administration office between 8:00 and 2:00 daily. Carrie Vest or Barbara Brandsema will fulfill the order based on the current inventory. In the beginning the inventory will be limited due to budget constraints but we will build this inventory based on the success of the program. We will monitor what

families are buying and attempt to keep the most popular items on hand. Any order that cannot be fulfilled immediately can be ordered in the next order from the retailer or Great Lakes Scrip Center.

**Which stores participate in the program?** There are a variety of retailers that participate in the program. The Great Lakes Scrip Center is continually adding new retailers to their program. Retailers available for immediate sales are listed on the “On Hand Scrip Form.” An abbreviated list of retailers available through Great Lakes Scrip center is listed on the “Great Lakes Scrip Center Order Form.” To view the complete list of retailers available through the Great Lakes Scrip Center click on “Retailer List” on the website [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com). Any retailers that are not on the order form can be written on the order form in the bottom right hand corner of the form.

**What denominations are available?** Denominations vary by merchant and can be found on Great Lakes Scrip Centers website.

**Can I use coupons when making Scrip purchases?** Yes, Scrip is treated the same as cash.

**Can I use Scrip to pay my store charge cards?** This varies by retailer. You should contact the individual retailer and ask about their current policy.

**What are retailers change policies when using Scrip?** No change is given back since gift cards have a declining balance.

**Can I use Scrip at all store locations?** Yes, unless otherwise specified on the cards. The conditions on the individual cards can be found on the Great Lakes Scrip Centers website.

**What happens if my checking account has insufficient funds?** We will allow one occurrence of this problem unless it is shown that it was the banks error. The family will be expected to pay any fees occurred by the school by our bank. If the problem occurs again, the family will be expected to pay with cash to participate in the program.

**How are the Family Rewards calculated?** The administrator of the scrip program will track each family’s purchase of scrip. Half of the discount for each scrip purchase will be added to the family’s scrip account. The fiscal year will end on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May so that each family’s totals can be calculated. Each family will then receive a letter that details how much their June tuition will be discounted.

**Where will my Family Rewards discount be applied?** A family can allocate their Family Rewards to the following areas:

1. The last months tuition (June).
2. IHM School tuition assistance fund.
3. Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School fees only if the youngest child has graduated from IHM School.