

# Frequently Asked Questions About FAW's Scrip Program

## 1. What is Scrip?

"Scrip" cards are negotiable prepaid gift cards that are used just like cash. Many stores in our community where you already shop regularly issue these gift cards. You can use scrip to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, gas and other essentials, and with every purchase, you generate revenue for Father Andrew White School! Our school is able to buy these gift cards at a negotiated discount and resell them to you at full face value. The average discount is from two to fifteen percent or in some cases even more. Scrip is popular because families don't have to sell anything. FAW families produce revenue by making regular household purchases they would make anyway. Groceries, clothing, toys, gifts, even gasoline can be purchased with scrip cards.

## 2. Where can I use Scrip?

There are currently over 100 restaurants, grocery stores, drug stores, gas stations and retail stores in the tri-county area where you can use scrip! There are over 600 nationally known retailers that offer scrip.

## 3. Is it easy to use?

Scrip cards are very easy to use. Use scrip cards just like cash; you can use manufacturers' coupons and buy things on sale. There is no difference between scrip cards and cash when you go shopping, except that you are using gift cards for that particular store. Depending on the merchant, you can even use your scrip cards to do catalog or online shopping.

## 4. What is the catch?

Your participation does not cost you anything! For example, you buy \$400 worth of gift cards for Food Lion for one month's worth of groceries. FAW previously bought the gift cards for \$380, so Food Lion has, in essence, given us \$20 in profit! So you buy \$400 in Food Lion gift cards, it costs you \$400 and you receive \$400 worth of goods for the gift cards. The \$20 profit is contributed to Father Andrew White School. **NO SERVICE CHARGE, NO EXTRA FEES, NO KIDDING!**

## 5. Is there a minimum amount of Scrip cards that I must buy?

No. Even if you spend just \$50 per week in groceries, that adds up to \$2,600 for a year. Everyday expenses like gas, food and clothing can add up to thousands of dollars each year. You may purchase as often as you'd like, as much as you'd like, and from as many participating stores as you'd like.

## 7. Can family and friends purchase Scrip cards?

Absolutely! You are strongly encouraged to have family members, friends and co-workers to buy scrip cards as well. Remember, the more scrip cards you buy, the more revenue is generated for FAW.

## 8. What type of Scrip cards do you offer?

We offer in-stock and special order scrip. We keep the most popular, local scrip (grocery, gas and selected retail) in stock for everyday purchase. All other retailers can be special ordered from our supplier, Great Lakes Scrip Center (GLSC), has over 600 national retailers that participate in the scrip program! Many of your favorite, nationally known retailers participate. You can see a listing of all participating retailers and find out usage information regarding the gift cards and certificates they offer on the Great Lakes Scrip Center website at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com).

## 9. How do I order Scrip? When will I receive it?

We offer local grocery (Giant, McKays, and Food Lion), gas (Shell, Sheetz and Wawa) and some selected retail (Target, Walmart, Panera, Starbucks to name a few) scrip cards that we keep **in stock** for daily purchase. You can purchase **in-stock** scrip after the first weekend masses of each month at St. Aloysius or by emailing [faw.scrip@gmail.com](mailto:faw.scrip@gmail.com). To order cards not carried normally, check out [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) website. Orders can be placed online day or night. The Scrip Coordinator places an order on Wednesday and you will receive your scrip cards the following Tuesday.