

# Frequently Asked Questions about SCRIP

## What is SCRIP?

Scrip is simply a word that means “substitute money” – in other words, scrip is gift certificates from national and local retailers. They’re the same gift certificates that you buy at the store. Many popular retailers participate in our scrip program including JCPenney, The Gap, Sheetz, Pizza Hut, Red Lobster, Giant Eagle and many, many others.

It is a volunteer-run, school program in which families purchase certificates through Butler Catholic School to shop at major grocery stores, retail stores and restaurants. The stores sell the certificates to the school at a discount and then the school sells the certificates at face value to participating families and credits the participating family's tuition account with the profit.

## What is the difference between Gift Cards and Gift Certificates?

Some retailers scrip is in the form of a plastic gift card that deducts the amount as you use them. Others are Paper Certificates that the retailer may give cash back if the full amount is not used or give you another paper certificate for the amount not used.

## 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 amount of SCRIP from grocery stores, department stores, and other retailers. There are many local stores and restaurants that participate. Please refer to the order form for a current list of participants, or go to [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) for a complete listing. The credit percentages range from 1.5% to 18%.

## How do I purchase SCRIP certificates?

SCRIP participants will order on-line or return a hard copy to the BCS Office. SCRIP orders can be picked up personally, or sent home with your child. You assume all responsibility for the scrip from the moment it’s given to your child.

## Do I have to buy On-line?

No. We will still be accepting all methods of ordering in the past. Forms can be downloaded from this site and sent in to the Butler Catholic Office to be filled daily – Monday thru Friday. Or Walk-Ins are welcome on Monday thru Friday from 9:00am to 11:00am. Please stop at the window after entering the building for BC Bucks.

### **How do I order "Immediate Fill/Scrip To Go" On-line?**

All Immediate Fill items can also be ordered on-line and will be processed on the next BC Bucks Business Day. You can find these items by searching "BCS". Example: BCS: Arby's or BCS: Giant Eagle. This is especially important to know as the BCS: Giant Eagle cards have a higher % than those offered directly through GL Scrips.

### **How do I pay?**

\*\* Cash or Check: Place your order on-line, print out the statement for Butler Catholic and submit with payment to the school office.

\*\* Credit Cards: Place your order on-line, print out the statement for your organization and include the Credit Card Authorization Form from the Butler Catholic Web Site. Submit to school office.

\*\* Please note that orders placed online WILL NOT be processed unless payment has been received.

Presto-Pay: Can be setup with your on-line account to have your checking account automatically debited. This takes approximately 72 hours to set up the first time. Once it is set-up you can use this option if you include a "Mail Order" item with your order. There is a processing fee of .15 cents charged per order placed.

### **What is Presto-Pay?**

Presto-pay is a convenient way for families to pay for their SCRIP orders, on-line, at the time they place their order. Presto Pay is set up to use your checking account to pay for your orders like Pay Pal. Each payment made through Presto Pay will add \$0.39 for the service. However, many may feel the convenience is worth it. Setting up Presto Pay may take as much as three days because when you set up the service Presto Pay will first make two small deposits into your account to verify that your account is set up right before you can use the service. So, you have to wait for these deposits to appear in your account before you can verify your Presto Pay account and use it.

To set up: Once logged into your account, go to the "My Account" tab. You will find a link on the left side bar to Presto Pay. Click on this link and then follow the instructions. You will need a check so you will have your account number and bank routing number available for this set up

### **Are there restrictions on what can be purchased with the certificates?**

No. The certificates/cards are the same as cash; you can buy anything in the store that you would normally buy with a check, cash or credit card. You may also use store/manufacturer coupons as you usually do. Some stores will allow you to use gift certificates/cards to pay charge account statements (please check with the vendor's terms & Conditions to know for sure).

### **What are the benefits of the program to Butler Catholic?**

Butler Catholic will receive 50% of the profit while families registered in Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade will receive the remaining 50% towards their tuition. With some extra planning and getting others to participate with them, some families have earned quite a discount for their tuition. Families who participate in SCRIP can encourage grandparents, neighbors and friends to purchase SCRIP certificates designated toward their family's own account.

### **Who may participate?**

All Family and Friends can have their own accounts. During the setup steps, we can select your family to receive the credits. Please submit the following information for all Family & Friends that would like to participate in this program: Full Name, Address, Phone, and Family to Receive Credit. Once we set them up – we will send the ID & Password to you to pass along and they too can setup to use the Presto-Pay option as well.

### **Who will run the program?**

BCS parent, Kathy Dudley, is our BC Bucks Coordinators. If you have any other questions, email: [bcbucks@butlercatholic.org](mailto:bcbucks@butlercatholic.org) or contact the BCS Office and we will be happy to answer any of your questions.

### **What if I have a defective card?**

Call the number on the back of the defective card to determine if there is a balance. If there is a zero balance, speak to a live person at that number to determine where the card was spent.

### **What if I lose a card?**

Butler Catholic School treats SCRIP just like cash and when it leaves BCS, it no longer is the responsibility of BCS.

### **When do I get credit?**

Credit will be issued for the final tuition payment at the end of the school year. Only those families that have earned their required \$275 in profit. The credit issued will not be more than the Diocesan Stated Amount of \$600.