

Save money on tuition by putting your household shopping \$\$ to work!

Dear GCS Parent:

If you are not taking advantage of the SCRIP program or you don't understand it please read the following information. SCRIP is a fundraising program that **saves you money on tuition** as well as earning revenue for our school.

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, Shell, Pizza Hut, Red Lobster and many, many others.

You're probably asking yourself how these stores help us raise money and you save tuition dollars. It's simple -- scrip participating retailers agree to sell gift certificates to our organization at a discount. Families like yours buy the certificates for full face value, they redeem them for full face value, and our school keeps the difference as revenue. Many GCS families have other family members purchase SCRIP to help with their tuition. On-line ordering can also ease the purchase of SCRIP through GCS. And scrip is exciting, because everybody wins:

- The retailer gets cash up front and repeat business...
- You get money off of your tuition
- Our school gets a regular source of revenue.

The beauty of scrip is that you put your regular household shopping dollars to work. You earn money for our school and get money off of your tuition without spending a single additional penny. Just spend your regular shopping dollars with scrip at the stores that participate in the scrip program! And scrip can be used for just about any household purchase.

It works like this, let's say you buy \$100 dollars of Gap Scrip which has a 9% rebate you will receive \$4.50 towards your tuition (4.5 % rebate) and GCS will receive \$4.50 (4.5% rebate). The rebate of 9% is split between your family and the school. This may seem like very little, but when you add up all the gas, clothing and grocery money you spend each year it really adds up.

How to order:

- 1) Scrip order forms can be obtained from either the High School/Elementary offices. A new order form is given when you receive your order.
- 2) You may order online at *shopwithscrip.com*. Our school id is **3789F5BE1889** when registering on-line. Send in your check with your student and it will be matched to your on-line order.

If you order SCRIP with a form or on-line just send your order in **by Thursday at noon** and receive it on the following Tuesday.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Anthony
Administrative Secretary/SCRIP Coordinator