**SCRIP Question and Answer**

**Question:** How does SCRIP generate revenue for St. Bridget?

**Answer:** There are national SCRIP centers that act on behalf of churches, schools and other non-profit organizations to purchase large amounts of SCRIP from grocery stores, department stores, and other retailers. Because the SCRIP is purchased with cash up front, the participating retailers offer a substantial discount. St. Bridget buys the SCRIP from these SCRIP centers and local retailers at a discount, and resells the certificates to families for the full face value. St. Bridget retains the bulk of the discount – from two to fifteen percent or more – as revenue. Since you secure the SCRIP at face value, you aren’t spending one penny more than you currently do to shop each week!

**Question:** How does SCRIP work to help lower my school tuition and support the school?

**Answer:** 100% of the SCRIP rebates earned by school families are returned to the school as revenue. Families using SCRIP receive 70% of the rebate to reduce tuition cost in the following school year. The remaining 30% of the rebate helps fund the parish subsidy necessary each year. Last year the parish subsidy was over 42% of the total school budget.

There is no longer a minimum rebate requirement of fee for non-participation. Therefore, every family is strongly encouraged to participate in the SCRIP program to the fullest extent possible to reduce your future tuition cost and support our common mission of continuing a vibrant Catholic school in our community through the parish subsidy.

**Question:** Who may participate in SCRIP?

**Answer:** SCRIP is open to anyone to purchase, whether you are a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, parishioner, and or community member.

**Question:** Are Pre-K eligible to participate? Do 8th grade families need to participate?

**Answer:** Pre-K families are strongly encouraged to participate. Pre-K families earn tuition credit for the next year at St. Bridget Parish School. 8th grade families are strongly encouraged to participate. An 8th grade family can designate another family to receive the tuition credit the following year or have all of their rebate go towards the parish subsidy. All rebates earned by school families remain in the school budget. A great chance to pay it forward.

**Question:** How do I participate in the SCRIP program?

**Answer:** Follow the steps below:

**1. Fill out a family sign-up sheet.** This sheet tells us that you are participating in the SCRIP program. The form is available in the school office, church office, or on the parish website.

**2. Complete an order form.** Order forms list all of the gift cards we currently have on hand. These forms are available outside the church office, at the school office or on our website.

**3. Present your order form and payment to receive your cards/certificates.**

* **CHURCH OFFICE DROP BOX:** $CRIP orders (front side of order form only) are due by 4 pm on Thursdays and are filled on Fridays.
* Completed orders will be available the following week for pickup during these hours:
* **Wednesday: 1pm – 3pm (at Church Office)**
* **Weekends: before and after Sat 5 PM and Sun 9:30 and 11 AM Masses.**
* **By appointment at the church office (call church office for appointment)**
* **AT SCHOOL:** SCRIP orders (front side of order form only) that are dropped off during the week, and before 4pm Thursday, will be filled on Friday and sent home with your child.
* Orders received on Friday will be sent home the following Friday. **Families giving permission for SCRIP to be sent home with students must complete the form giving that permission.**

**4. Use SCRIP every day and support our parish at no extra cost to you.** SCRIP is available for over 600 vendors. SCRIP is used in the same manner as a gift card/certificate. You may also use SCRIP when shopping online.