



## Major Retailers Want To Give Our School Money!

Dear Saint John the Baptist Parent:

We're pleased to share some exciting news about an easy fundraising program for our organization. It's called "scrip", and it's the fundraising program that works while you shop.

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 The Cheesecake Factory, The Gap, Shell, Shaw's, Stop & Shop and many, many others.

You're probably asking yourself how these stores help us raise money. It's simple -- scrip participating retailers agree to sell gift certificates to our organization at a discount. Member 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. And scrip is exciting, because everybody wins:

- The retailer gets cash up front and repeat business...
- You get a powerful fundraising alternative that involves *no selling*...
- 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 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 including food, clothing, entertainment, gasoline and even dining out.

The Saint John the Baptist School scrip program promises to be a simple and effective fundraising program. Thanks for your support, and we'll see you at our one of our meetings!

Sincerely,

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