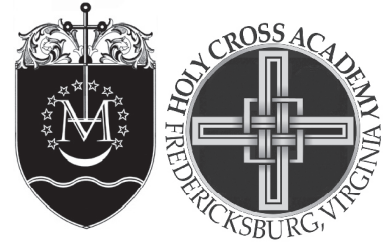


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Dear St. Mary Parishioners and Holy Cross Families,

In an ongoing effort to keep tuition increases down, especially now in difficult economic times, we are very pleased to share some exciting news with you about a new fundraising program to benefit parish support of our school. It's called "SCRIP" and it's a gift card program that pays back while you shop. This may be the easiest fundraiser ever because it requires *no extra spending!* It's true, simply budget your expenses and shop as you normally would at your regular stores, for groceries, gas, the occasional movie or dinner out. A percentage of what you spend automatically is given back.

We're all a little anxious to know the full impact of the economy on our parish life, and our school. Some parents are experiencing difficulty in fulfilling their tuition obligations, and the usual parish subsidy in support of the operating budget of the school to cover the gap between tuition and the actual cost of education could become unmanageable if tuition payments aren't made and costs continue to rise.

This is how it works: We purchase the gift cards at a discount off their face value (1.5 to 25%) from participating retailers. When you buy the cards dollar-for-dollar and spend them as you would cash, Holy Cross/St. Mary receives the discount as revenue! It is a very simple, *no cost* way to support the school, especially since you go about life as you normally would anyway. Everyone wins:

- the retailer gets cash up front and repeat business from us;
- families get a powerful fundraising option that requires no selling;
- our school gets a regular source of revenue which helps keep our parish subsidy within line.

As an added incentive, we want to offer ALL school families that participate in this program an option to *reduce the cost of tuition* for your own family. 1% of everything you might spend on groceries, gas, clothing and entertainment could be automatically returned to you personally as a credit on your tuition bill.

There really is no limit to how this program can be used to the benefit of our community. With a parish our size, the amount could be in the hundreds of thousands, taken in total.

Besides the order form printed on reverse, there are three ways to order SCRIP:

1. PLEASE visit the website online, [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). This is by far the easiest way to order. Use our **Enrollment Number 7B876EBB188L2**. Simply follow the instructions to set up your own free personal account using Presto-Pay debit system. Even if you don't order online, the complete list of retailers is there to view. Order at your leisure.
2. Go online to the HCA website, [www.holycrossweb.com](http://www.holycrossweb.com), download the pdf order form, fill it out and drop it off at the school or parish office.
3. Visit our SCRIP stations that are soon to be set up after each and every St. Mary Mass and order directly from the SCRIP supplies on-hand. Store card variety/availability may vary from week-to-week.

Your orders will be submitted weekly and, once received, can be picked up at Mass or at HCA (or you can choose to have them brought home by your student.) Volunteers are greatly appreciated and NEEDED to assist in selling SCRIP at Masses and with various other duties. Please direct your questions to Judy Hellmann at [jbinva@hughes.net](mailto:jbinva@hughes.net) or 752-1143. Questions regarding the tuition incentive can be directed to Susan Halsey, 286-1600.

Thanks, and God bless you and your family.

Sister Susan Louise, Principal

Father Don Rooney, Pastor

**SCRIP ORDER FORM: ST. MARY/HOLY CROSS ACADEMY**

Qty.	Retailer Name	CardValue \$	Earned %
_____	Advance Auto Parts	25.	7
_____	Am. Eagle Outfitters	25.	9
_____	Amazon.com	25.	4
_____	AMC Theaters	9. <sup>50</sup> , 25.	16, 7
_____	Applebee's	25., 50.	8
_____	Arby's	10.	8
_____	Auto Zone	25.	5
_____	Baskin Robbins	2.	9
_____	Bath & Body Works	10., 25.	18
_____	Best Buy	25., 100.	2
_____	Borders	10., 25.	9
_____	Blockbuster	10.	7
_____	Build-a-Bear Workshop	25.	8
_____	Cabela's	25., 100.	14
_____	Carrabba's	25.	5
_____	Chili's	25.	11
_____	Chipotle	10.	10
_____	Chuck E. Cheese	10.	8
_____	Claire's	10.	9
_____	CVS/Pharmacy	25.	6
_____	Dick's Sporting Goods	25.	8
_____	Domino's Pizza	14.-sp purch.	25
_____	Game Stop	25.	3
_____	Gander Mountain	25.	8
_____	Giant Foods	25., 100.	4
_____	Great Clips	25.	8
_____	Gymboree	25.	13
_____	Hollywood Video	10.	16
_____	Hickory Farms	10.	15
_____	Home Depot	25., 100.	4
_____	JC Penney	25.	6
_____	Jiffy Lube	30.	8
_____	Kmart	25.	10
_____	Kohl's	25., 100.	4
_____	KB Toys	20.	4
_____	Kentucky Fried Chicken	5.	9
_____	Land's End	25., 100.	17
_____	Longhorn Steakhouse	25.	9
_____	Little Caesar's Pizza	20.	9
_____	L. L. Bean	25.	17
_____	Lowe's	25., 100.	4
_____	Macy's	25., 100.	10
_____	Old Navy	25.	9
_____	Olive Garden	25.	9
_____	Office Depot	25.	4
_____	Office Max	25.	5
_____	Papa John's	10.	8
_____	Payless Shoes	20.	13
_____	Panera Bread	10.	9
_____	Pizza Hut	10.	8
_____	Pier 1 Imports	25.	9
_____	Pet Smart	25.	4
_____	Red Lobster	25.	9
_____	Regal Entertainment	9., 25.	16, 8
_____	Regis Salons	25.	8
_____	Rite-Aid	25.	4
_____	Ruby Tuesday	25.	8
_____	Sally Beauty Supply	25.	12
_____	Sam Goody	25.	6
_____	Sears	25., 100.	4
_____	See's Candies	15.	25

Qty.	Retailer Name	CardValue \$	Earned %
_____	Sheetz Gasoline	25., 100.	3
_____	Shell	25., 50	1.5
_____	Shoe Carnival	25.	5
_____	Sports Authority	25.	8
_____	Staples	25.	5
_____	Starbucks	10., 25.	7
_____	Subway	10.	3
_____	Talbot's	25.	11
_____	Texaco	25.	2
_____	Texas Roadhouse	25.	8
_____	TGIFriday's	25.	10
_____	T. J. Maxx	25.	7
_____	The Children's Place	25.	7
_____	Toy's R-Us	20.	1.5
_____	Wa-wa	25., 100.	1.5
_____	Wal-Mart	25., 100.	2
_____	Wendy's	10.	10
_____	Waldenbooks	10., 25.	9

*After indicating the quantity of SCRIP Cards you wish to order, please complete this information*

Purchaser: \_\_\_\_\_  
name

phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:

- I will pick up at the school office (allow 2 days)
- I will pick up at Mass this week:
  - St. Mary Church
  - Holy Cross (10:30am Mass)
- Please send home with:

\_\_\_\_\_ student's name grade/class

- Most orders will be filled in 2-3 business days.
- Make checks payable to: ST. MARY CHURCH
- Remember to include your cash/check with your order
- Orders cannot be filled until payment is received.
- Please direct questions to Judy Hellmann at [jbinva@hughes.net](mailto:jbinva@hughes.net).

Thank you for your Support!