



Cash Card Information Package

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Message from Sister Aurelia:

As parents and guardians of students attending St. Mary Prep, your support of the Cash Card Program in the past has been well done. Many of the families have gone beyond the designated \$300 rebate required of each family. We know that with the parish and the parent working together, we can provide for many things for the students that would not be possible without this assistance.

Beginning a new year give us new vigor and a new impetus to try to do better than we did last year. Our faculty members, our parish priests and our sisters all participate regularly in the program and they don't even have children in the school. So let's pool our efforts and I know that we can go over the top.

Thank you and God bless you for your wonderful cooperation in all of our school activities.

Sincerely,
Sister M. Aurelia, OSF

2009-2010 Cash Card Committee:

Here is a list of members that you can contact with any questions:

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What are Cash Cards?

Cash cards are gift cards. You can use gift cards to pay for purchases you're going to make anyway. All it takes is a little planning and getting into the "cash card habit." You can use cash cards for most of your everyday shopping in food stores, department stores, restaurants, and gas stations. Consider cash cards as a gift around the holidays, for birthdays, or any special occasion. You can also "receive credit" by asking your family, friends, or office co-workers to participate.

The cards are purchased from the Great Lakes Scrip center. A complete list of vendors can be found on the Great Lakes website. Before you run out to a specialty store or buy that restaurant gift certificate, please remember to check for our card availability first.

We try to keep most of the common store cards in stock, so we are able to fill most orders immediately, but you can place an order for anything that is offered by Great Lakes. Just allow enough time for us to get it for you, normally a week or less.

We place orders with Great Lakes by 10 am on Tuesdays, and they are ready for pickup on Fridays.

How do I Purchase Cash Cards?

You can purchase Cash Cards 7 days a week.

Walk-in – You can come in to the school office, Monday through Friday, during school hours and pick up any cards we have in stock and/or place an order for others. Cash cards are also available weekdays from 8:00 – 8:30 a.m., for your convenience when you drop off your children. You will need to fill out the order form and attach cash or a check made out to St. Mary Prep.

Sent home through your child – You can fill out an order form and send it to school with your child. You can use the clear envelope we provided in the beginning of the school year or any other envelope. We will fill your order and send it back home with your child, or you can pick it up when it is ready (please indicate your choice on the form). Only paid orders will be sent home. You will receive an email notification when the order is sent home with your child.

Weekend masses – You can purchase cards after every Mass on the weekend. They are sold at the cash card table in the Church Narthex. The cards we have in stock can be picked up immediately; other card orders can be placed as well.

Anytime online at SMP website – Place an order online at our school's website and pickup later or have it sent home with your child. Go to www.stmarysprep-denville.org and click on the Fund Raising link, then the Cash Cards link. Place your order and pay with your credit card online (3% processing fee), or choose the option to pay at pickup (no additional fee).

Anytime online at Great Lakes website – Place an order online at the Great Lakes website and pick it up later, or have the cards sent home with your child. Go to <http://www.shopwithscrip.com> and click on family sign up. Create your account with a few easy steps: your email address and our school code: 69F6L6883893. This process is directly linked to our school account. Each time you place an order, we are notified. We can fill it immediately and send it home with your child, or you can pick it up. Also, you can setup Presto-Pay, which is an option to have the total amount of your order directly taken out of your checking account (39 cents fee), and be automatically deposited into the SMP account.

When it comes to the rebate %, we will always give you the % indicated on our SMP order form because we get some of the cards directly from the stores (e.g., Shop Rite is 5% even though Great Lakes has it listed at 4%). We also have some local stores (e.g., Anthony & Sons at 10%).

It is your responsibility to make sure your order is recorded on the sign in sheet or by handing in the completed order form.

Ordering Information

- Order and pickup if we have cards in stock
- Come into the school during regular hours or after any mass in the narthex and buy cards.
- Orders in by Mon 3 PM., ready for pickup on Friday

For cards that are not in stock or large quantities: order by 3 PM. on Monday and your order will be ready for pick up on Thursday/Friday morning. You can send your order in with your child in the envelope provided, order on line, or come into the school.

Payment Options

You can pay for your order in the following ways:

- Cash/ Check
 - Checks made out to St. Mary Prep
- Credit Card
 - MasterCard, Visa or AmEx accepted with a 3% processing fee.
- Direct Withdraw from your checking account(on shopwithscript website, see instructions below)
 - Sign up for Presto Pay and pay a small fee (39 cents) for each order.

Note: There is a \$12 fee for returned checks.

Issues with Cards

If you have any issues with any of the cards, please them to school with a note explaining what happened. We will investigate and get back to you

What are the Keys to Easily Accomplishing Your Goal?

- 1. Do it regularly.**
- 2. Plan ahead.**
- 3. Ask family, friend or co-workers to buy cash cards in your name.**

Progress on your commitment

We will send each family a progress update listing each purchase made throughout the year and the total contributed to date. These letters will go out in: October, January and May.

What does it mean to make \$300 in profit/rebate per family?

Example 1

$$\begin{array}{r r r r} \$75 \text{ a week on groceries} & \times 4 \text{ weeks} & = & \$300 \\ \$25 \text{ a week on gas} & \times 4 \text{ weeks} & = & \$100 \\ \$50 \text{ in clothes} & & = & \$50 \\ \$50 \text{ for dinner out} & & = & \underline{\$50} \\ & \text{Total} & = & \$500 \\ & & \times & \underline{12 \text{ months}} \\ & & = & \$6000 \\ & & \times & \underline{5\% \text{ (average rebate across all cards)}} \\ & & = & \mathbf{\$300} \end{array}$$

Example 2

$$\begin{array}{r r r} \$125 \text{ a week on groceries} & \times 4 \text{ weeks} & = & \$500 \\ & & \times & \underline{12 \text{ months}} \\ & & = & \$6000 \\ & & \times & \underline{5\% \text{ (average rebate across all cards)}} \\ & & = & \mathbf{\$300} \end{array}$$

What did a “regular cash card” SMP family do last year?

$$\begin{array}{r r r r} \$200 \text{ a week on groceries} & \times 4 \text{ weeks} & = & \$800 \\ \$50 \text{ a week on gas} & \times 4 \text{ weeks} & = & \$200 \\ \$150 \text{ in clothes} & & = & \$150 \\ \$150 \text{ in other/house items/movies} & & = & \$150 \\ \$200 \text{ for dinner out} & & = & \underline{\$200} \\ & \text{Total} & = & \$1500 \\ & & \times & \underline{12 \text{ months}} \\ & & = & \$18000 \\ & & \times & \underline{5\% \text{ (average rebate across all cards)}} \\ & & = & \mathbf{\$900} \end{array}$$

Examples on where to use cards:



Example 1 — Food Shopping—St. Mary Prep gets 5% from A&P, Shop Rite, Foodtown, Stop & Shop, Pathmark, Kings etc. If you spend \$100 a week on food, St. Mary Prep earns \$5. Over the course of a year, you can help St. Mary Prep earn over \$260.



Example 2 — Renovating Your House—4% from Home Depot, 4% from Lowe's. If you spend \$1,000 on materials for home improvements, St. Mary Prep earns \$40.



Example 3 — Eating Out—8% from Charlie Browns, 10% from Ruth Chris Steakhouse, 9% from Olive Garden, 9% from Red Lobster.



Example 4 — Retail Shopping—10% from Macy's, 8% from Lord & Taylor, 5% from JCPenny, 9% from Gap, 8% from Dick's Sporting Goods.



Example 5 — Electronics— 5% from Staples, 3% from Best Buy. Use cash cards to buy a new TV, I-pod, computer.



Example 6 — Hotels—12% from Marriott, 2% from Disney. An overnight stay at Marriott can earn St.Mary Prep over \$12 if you use cash cards.



Example 7 — Local Stores—10% from Anthony & Sons or Sergio's. You can buy any food products & fresh breads.



All of these add up,
so think about St. Mary Prep
before you go shopping!

Plan Ahead!

Top 10 Ideas to Maximize Your Cash Card Rebate

1. Buy cards regularly.
2. Buy low % rebate cards at food stores (e.g., buy gas cards at Shop Rite)
3. Use Lands' End cards to purchase anything at Sears or Kmart.
4. Use gift cards to pay your credit cards (were available)
5. Use Macy's coupons together with cash cards.
6. Use reloadable cards - easy reload at shopwithscrip (e.g., Starbucks).
7. Buy all birthday/ holiday gifts with cash cards.
8. Give cash cards as gifts.
9. Use Disney cards when paying for your vacation.
10. Use stores that offer cards instead of ones that don't (e.g., use Anthony & Sons or Sergio's).

Full list of Retailers

Go to this website <http://www.glscrip.com> and print a list.



Welcome, Guest |

Great Lakes **Scrip** Center | America's

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2009 Scrip Holiday Gift Guide

Now Available For Download

Full list of Retailers
Retailer List

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Great Lakes Scrip Center

Scrip is fundraising while you shop®. Our program allows your non-profit organization members to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, and entertainment while earning a percentage of each dollar of scrip purchase.

How do I register for online shopping and direct withdraw as payment?

1. Go to this website www.shopwithscrip.com

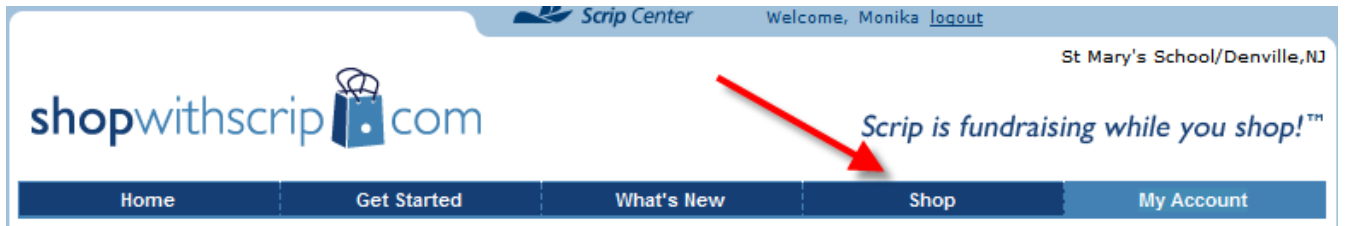
The screenshot shows the ShopWithScrip.com website. At the top, there is a logo for 'shopwithscrip.com' and the tagline 'Scrip is fundraising while you shop!™'. A navigation menu includes 'Home', 'Get Started', 'What's New', 'Shop', and 'My Account'. A large banner for '2009 Holiday Gift Ideas' features images of a globe, a game console, a laptop, a smartphone, a printer, a bottle of lotion, a pair of jeans, a framed picture, a box of 'Scene' cards, and a box of 'Apples to Apples' cards. Below the banner, a red arrow points to a green 'Family Sign Up!' button. To the right, there is a 'Welcome To Our Online Scrip Management Tool' section with a computer monitor image. Below that is a 'Why Wait For New Card? Reload Now!' section with a recycling symbol icon.

2. Click on **Family Sign Up**.

3. Enter your email and our school code: **69F6L6883893**

4. Fill in your remaining information.

5. Once you are registered, you can place orders for any cards just by clicking on the **Shop** section and selecting cards one at a time.



6. If you would like to pay for your cards directly from your checking account you need to setup Presto-Pay. Click on **Presto-Pay** on the right hand side



7. Follow the easy instructions to setup your direct withdraws by entering your checking account information. It will take 2 working days to setup your account.

8. Each time you place an order you can choose **Check** (will pay at pickup) or **Presto-Pay**.

It is that easy!

Classroom Projector Project



Calling all SMP Families!

SMP Classrooms going high tech!

**YOU + Extra Cash Cards
=
Projectors**



If each family at SMP raised their Cash Card goal a little higher, we could afford a projector for every classroom in the school! About \$100 more than what is required (\$300.00) would help us achieve this goal.

We already have smartboards for every classroom waiting to be installed. The smartboards are easier to use in combination with projectors.

Any Cash Card amount over your \$300 requirement will be applied to the projector for your child's classroom (amounts will be distributed equally for multiple children, unless otherwise specified).

Help us achieve this goal quickly!



Cash Card Order Form

For most up to date order form, please check out SMP website or HSA Blog page.