



St. Gregory the Great Academy

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Dear St. Gregory the Great Academy Families,



Peace be with you! As you may recall, the Parish Family Partnership detailed the various tuition categories that are available to our families with students in Kindergarten through Grade 8. In order to qualify for Category A (the lowest tuition rate), families are asked to fulfill the provisions listed on the back of the form. One of these provisions (item "B") states: **The total of the school rebates for all Scrip purchases must equal \$300.00. All families are asked to seriously consider purchasing tickets for the 2019 St. Gregory the Great Gala to be held on November 2, 2019. Gala tickets will cost \$125.00 each, and each ticket purchased will accrue \$50.00 toward the total \$300.00 fundraising commitment. Families who do not meet the \$300.00 fundraising commitment will need to pay the balance by June 1, 2020; families who exceed the \$300.00 fundraising commitment will receive a tuition voucher (credit/refund) equal to the excess amount over \$300.00 by June 30, 2020 (see separate instructions). These are the "separate instructions."**

St. Gregory the Great Academy partners with Great Lakes Scrip Center (GLSC) to facilitate this program. There are a few simple steps to get set up using this program. **First**, families create an account at the GLSC website, www.shopwithscrip.com. All ordering and payment transactions will happen via the GLSC website. **Second**, all orders will need to be prepaid using one of the online payment options available on the GLSC website. One option is using PrestoPay bank drafts. PrestoPay is an online payment purchasing system that debits authorized payments from a checking account. The system uses the same Automated Clearing House (ACH) system as the banks use to process a paper check. There is a \$0.15 transaction fee each time that you place an order and use Presto Pay, regardless of the transaction amount. Thus, if your order total is \$500.00, Presto Pay will charge you \$500.15. The other option is to use Visa or MasterCard to pay for your order on the GLSC site. GLSC processes the credit card payment for the face value of the order and adds a 2.6% processing fee. Thus, if your order total is \$500.00, a credit card would be charged \$513.00. While the website will offer you the option to pay by sending in a payment, these orders will be rejected with no further notification by the system if you select this option.

In order to enroll, you must first go to the GLSC website, www.shopwithscrip.com, and create an account. **All families will be sent an invitation email from our organization at the opening of the school year.** You may also enroll manually at any time. In order to do this, please click the gray button on the top right of the page labeled "Register." This will take you to a registration screen. Next, please select the blue button which is



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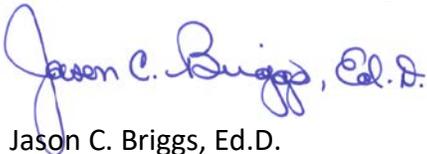
labeled "Join an Existing Scrip Program." You will then be prompted for an enrollment code. Please enter "679F1E8844392" into the box. You will then be prompted to enter various pieces of user information. Please be sure to record what you enter here. Once you create your account, sign in. If you plan to use the ACH bank draft option for payment, you will now need to configure Presto Pay. To do this, follow the instructions for setting up this system.

Once all of these steps are complete, you are ready to begin ordering scrip. PLEASE NOTE: When checking out, the GLSC website will present you with the choice to either use Presto Pay, credit card, or to send in a payment. **You MUST select the Presto Pay option or the credit card option.** The weekly order window will run from Thursday afternoon through the Thursday morning of the next week. Orders will be placed each week at noon on Thursday, thus physical cards should be available for pick up in the school the following Wednesday morning. **Please note also that there are several ELECTRONIC delivery options available for various vendors. Some vendors offer a reloadable card, which may be reloaded via the ShopWithScrip website. Others also offer a "ScripNow" option, which delivers your scrip to you electronically via barcode. Note that these options offer almost instant availability of funds that you purchase, and do NOT require you to either wait for an order to arrive at school or to make a trip to school. Purchases made in these two ways count toward your total accrued purchases for the year.**

There are hundreds of merchants who have made scrip available to purchase via this system, including ShopRite, Acme, Wegmans, Amazon, Walgreens, Home Depot, Lowes, and many other commonly visited stores. **I would also like to highlight the local vendors who have joined our program; please consider patronizing the local vendors as they all provide generous rebate percentages.** Our local vendors include **Brothers Pizza on 33, Amari's Restaurant, Pete's Steakhouse, and Caesar's Bagels.** If you have any questions about the Online Scrip Program, please feel free to email me.

Please be aware that families who do not meet the \$300.00 fundraising commitment will need to pay the balance by June 1, 2020. These families will be billed the difference between their total school rebates and \$300.00. Any family who wishes to buy out of the program earlier in the school year may do so by sending the full \$300.00 to Mrs. O'Neill in the Main Office.

May peace and every blessing be yours,



Jason C. Briggs, Ed.D.
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