



## TUITION AND FUNDRAISING AT ST. JOHN the BAPTIST

With the ever increasing costs associated with running a parochial school, tuition increases are inevitable. To help keep tuition at a manageable rate, fundraising becomes a vital piece of budget planning.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Fundraising accounts for 12% of the school operating budget.

At St. John the Baptist fundraising comes in many forms; major events such as the auction and Road America, to collecting Box Tops and Labels. The school needs fundraising revenue to keep tuition increases to a minimum. Fundraising at St. John the Baptist is structured to help families manage tuition and fundraising, and allow for the maximum benefit of the private education and charitable contributions tax deductions. Fundraising is also an important way for families to reduce tuition and support our school.

Families NEED school sponsored fundraising opportunities. With this in mind, we encourage families to participate in the existing **SCRIP FUNDRAISING PROGRAM** to reduce tuition.

**WHAT IS SCRIP?** Scrip is a gift card fundraising program. The SJB Scrip Program buys gift cards at a discounted price and sells them to you at full face value. You pay \$50 for a \$50 gift card. The difference of the discount is earnings (rebates) you can use to reduce tuition and support the school. You use the gift cards in place of cash, check or credit card to make your everyday purchases, and the earnings add up.

### **WHAT DO YOU SPEND A YEAR ON TYPICAL HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES?**

Gas (\$200/month)	=	\$2,400/year
Groceries (\$300/month)	=	\$3,600/year
Gifts and Misc. (\$100/month)	=	\$1,200/year
Dining out (\$50/month)	=	<u>\$600/year</u>
<b>TOTAL: \$650/month x 12</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>\$7,800/year</b>

If you use scrip gift cards with an average retailer discount/rebate of 3.5% to pay for these regular expenses, **you would reduce your tuition by \$136** and make a \$109 tax deductible donation to SJB parish and/or school. **DID YOU KNOW?** Support from the parish and donations accounts for 46% of the cost to educate a child at SJB.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Last year, on average, scrip buyers used their scrip earnings to reduce their tuition by over \$200 and at the same time made tax deductible, charitable contributions to support the school and parish.

**WHY SCRIP?** The best thing about scrip is that it is a “no-selling” fundraising program that costs you nothing more than what you already spend. It only requires a bit of pre-planning and a slight change in shopping habits.

### **WANT TO GET STARTED?**

- See the enclosed brochure or visit the scrip link on our website [www.sjbplymouth.org](http://www.sjbplymouth.org) for more information about the Scrip program, purchasing scrip, and earning rebates. Please complete a Scrip Agreement (enclosed) prior to purchasing Scrip.
- To set up your account for online ordering log onto [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com), and click on the **REGISTER** tab. Choose to **JOIN A SCRIP PROGRAM** and sign up with the SJB enrollment code: **E13D1EB24781** (Online purchasing requires a PrestoPay Account)

**Until June 30, 2016 you can earn scrip rebates to apply to your 2016-17 school year tuition.**

**From July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017 scrip rebates will apply to tuition for the 2017-18 school year.**

**Get started today!**