

SCRIP PROGRAM INFORMATION

Greetings, brothers and sisters! The following information has been put together in an attempt to help you have a better understanding of our scrip program here at Central Christian Academy. Many families have benefited from this program. We hope you will find this information helpful, so that you, too, may take advantage of this great opportunity the Lord has led us to!

First of all, let's define "scrip":

Scrip: gift certificates/gift cards that are used in place of cash at many of the stores and restaurants at which you visit regularly.

Scrip Program: a nationwide program, benefiting numerous private schools, by allowing these schools to purchase a wide variety of gift certificates in which a percentage of the face value has been worked out in advance (by each individual participating merchant) and upon purchase by the school, this percentage is returned to the school. Here at Central Christian Academy, these percentages are then applied toward the purchasing family's tuition account.

Did I lose you there? Perhaps an example would help:

Let's say you shop weekly at the Giant Eagle (groceries and/or gasoline). Simply drop off an order form at the office by the drop off time/day each week, to purchase the amount of scrip you think you might be spending at the grocery store/gas pump, let's say \$100.00. (You pay the school with a check made payable to CCA.) You will receive your scrip on the next scheduled pick-up day. Then just take the scrip cards to Giant Eagle, do your shopping, pay with the gift cards (instead of cash), and you're finished. You can even use the cards at the gas pumps, just like a credit card. But instead of just spending \$100.00, 4% of that \$100.00, which would be \$4.00, goes back to Central (this is the percentage which has already been negotiated with Giant Eagle. Merchant percentages vary. See the attached order form.) Now, of this 4%, which equals \$4.00 in this case, 80% would be applied to your family's tuition account. That's \$3.20! Now, you might be asking where the other 20% goes. Because there are shipping costs, etc., involved for the school, we must retain this small percentage.

How to participate:

The program is very easy to participate in. There is no signing up...you simply order scrip as you need it, and begin building credit toward your tuition bill immediately upon purchase. The school places orders weekly - see attached schedule (schedule subject to change due to holidays and no-school days).

When are credits applied to my account?

Credits are applied to tuition accounts at the beginning of each new school year (example: orders placed between June 1, 2009 & May 31, 2010 will credit the next school year, 2010-11). Credits cannot be carried over or paid out. If you do not attend CCA the year credits are given, your credits will be applied elsewhere. Any credits under \$20 will revert back to the school.

When do we order, and where do I get a form?

You will find the ordering schedule on the attached order form. Forms can also be found in the school office. Just fill out your form and return it, along with your check, payable to CCA, to the office. When your order is ready, we will include a new, updated order form, for the next order you place.

What if I can't make it in to pick up my order?

What's that? Maybe your kids ride the bus to and from school? Well, we've got that covered as well. Simply send your order in with your child during the week – their teacher will get the order forms to the office, and we'll take it from there**. As an added convenience, we now have release forms available for those of you who just cannot make it in during office hours for pick-up (attached). Once you have signed a release form, it will be kept on file with the scrip coordinator, and will allow us to send your orders home with your child on Friday. Now, please keep in mind that scrip holds the same value as cash, so we do ask that you consider this option carefully. But if you have a dependable, responsible child, this sure could come in handy.

**Please keep in mind: teaching staff & office staff will not be held responsible for orders that do not make it to the office before the deadline– we try our best, but education comes first! ☺ . (Missed orders will simply be made the following week/next order placed.)

I'd like to participate, but don't have the need to use the credits towards a tuition bill.

You may direct your credit to any school family you choose.

Can I use scrip to pay off any store charges?

Currently, Kohl's is the only retailer who will allow you to pay off your store charge with scrip. You may do so at any store register.

I'm still not clear on the program, but would like to know more.

Well, if I really have you confused, I apologize. Please feel free to call me at home for more information, or with any questions - (724)228-6266.

In His Service,

Bonnie Ferguson
Scrip Coordinator

BASIC WEEKLY ORDERING SCHEDULE**

(**during the school year)

Orders dropped off by 12:00 p.m. Monday will be ready for pick-up
by noon that Friday.

**Schedule may vary weekly, depending on holidays and no-school days. Schedule can be found on the scrip order sheet. Order dates, merchants, & percentages subject to change without notice. Please watch the school newsletter, Partners With Parents, for the most up-to-date information.

