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Dear St. Mary Families:

I'm pleased to introduce one of the PPA's primary fundraisers, the scrip program. This is a tremendous opportunity to raise funds for the school with your everyday spending on things like groceries, gas, clothing, and other household items without any selling or extra spending!

**Here's how it works:** You can order scrip (gift cards) at face value through the SSL to use for your everyday shopping at merchants such as ShopRite, Walmart, Kohl's, and many others. The SSL, as a nonprofit organization, purchases these regular gift cards at a discount determined by the retailer (an average of about 5%, although many offer more). The difference between face value and what we pay is retained as our rebate. The cards will generally be delivered to you within a week of the order deadline, and you can then use them for your everyday purchases. Here's an example of how you can help our school in **just one month** with your family's shopping:

<b>Merchant</b>	<b>Amount Purchased</b>	<b>Merchant Contribution</b>	<b>Funding to PPA</b>
ShopRite	\$250	4%	<b>\$10.00</b>
Walmart	\$100	2.5%	<b>\$2.50</b>
Mobil (gas)	\$50	1.5%	<b>\$0.75</b>
Old Navy/Gap	\$25	14%	<b>\$3.50</b>
Kohls	\$25	5%	<b>\$1.25</b>
Panera	\$25	9%	<b>\$2.25</b>
Starbucks	\$10	7%	<b>\$0.70</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$20.05</b>

As you can see, just changing how you pay for some of the things you routinely buy can have a great impact on our fundraising efforts! In this example scenario, **just one family would raise over \$200 in a year!** This also makes shopping for gifts simple, as you can order almost all the gift cards you need for birthday gifts, Christmas giving, and other occasions from one place without running from store to store.

We will be ordering every 2 weeks and weekly during the holiday season. **All orders must be paid for at the time they are placed** via cash or check (made payable to St. Mary PPA), or online at ShopWithScrip.com using PrestoPay, a secure online service that debits your bank account for the total of your order (plus a \$0.15 processing fee). Orders will be sent home at the end of the week when the order is placed, or they may be picked up at afternoon dismissal on the delivery date (please indicate your preference on the order form).

I encourage you to review our order form and consider how you can help just by shopping with the children of St. Mary School in mind! Please contact me if you have any questions on ordering or any other aspects of the program.

Best regards,

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