

The Great Lakes Scrip Center has a trademarked slogan that sums up the goal of the Scrip program in four words: *Fundraising While You Shop*™

So..... as the holiday season fast approaches, please consider purchasing Gift Cards from Aquinas to do your online shopping, mall shopping, and of course, Gift Giving! There is something for everyone!

In response to a recent question - Using the Aquinas Scrip gift card **does not interfere** with the Giant Eagle Advantage Card or Shop & Save Fuel perks programs because it is a **payment option**. You still swipe your Fuel Perks or Advantage Cards at the beginning of your transaction to get all those great fuel discounts. And when it comes time to total and pay, you simply choose the gift card option! Great question - keep 'em coming!

Where to Purchase Scrip: In the office during school hours. There are forms in the office if you are able to come by in person. If you still have the **manila SCRIP envelope** that has your family information on it, you can send it with your child to the homeroom teacher and it will get to the office. If you are ordering in-stock items it will be returned that day to your child, so check that backpack!

"Special Order" Scrip: There are hundreds of companies that participate in the Great Lakes Scrip program; however, we only keep certain best seller gift cards on hand at school. The "In-Stock" form has the gift cards from those merchants that we have on hand to sell to you immediately. The "Special Order" form lists over 100 companies that operate in our area that offer gift cards. These cards need to be ordered and usually arrive within a week. Please be patient with us as we determine which additional companies, if any, are in demand and deserve to be kept in-stock at school. Keep giving us your feedback and we will do our best to meet your needs! Both **forms are available on the school's website**. If you are sending in an order that has a request for gift cards from both forms, please help us maintain some accounting sanity and send in two checks: one for the In-Stock form, and the second for those gift cards you are purchasing from the Great Lakes Scrip Center Family Form. Thank you!

Local Vendors: These are separated on the order form because we physically go to these local stores to pick up the gift cards rather than go through the Great Lakes Scrip Center. In return, these local stores give us an extra 1% discount!! And **Shoppers Choice** is a local chain that is not even on the GLSCenter list, so we thank them for supporting our School with a 5% discount! Also, **Aquinas Mom, Marie Bates**, owner of two Great Clips locations, generously gives us a 15% discount, on top of a discount for all Aquinas Families!! We hope everyone got the recent flyer with that information and will take advantage of her program. Discount cards are available through the Scrip program - please call the office to get your card.