

Newsletter



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So Much To Be Thankful For

Scrip Can Make Money For You!

Many families have taken advantage of the Scrip Incentive Program. The Lester family received a check for \$135 last year, the Spearman's received a check for \$290 and the Wilson's check was for \$433! These are just a few examples.

Here's how the Scrip Incentive Program works. 50% of the profits from your family's purchases go to you, provided you reach \$40 in profit. Let's say you purchase a \$100 HyVee card each week. After 8 weeks your family will have contributed \$40 in profit, so your family will receive \$20 back. You can build from there! Another idea is to purchase 4 Waldo Pizza gift certificates at \$20 each. This will also make \$40 in profit, so your family would receive \$20 back. These are just a couple of ways to get started.

Scrip Is Fundraising While You

Shop! It's time to start tackling that holiday gift list. Every gift you give or purchase you make using Scrip pre-paid cards earns money for St. Elizabeth School. Order 1 of 3 ways: cash and carry in the school office or after a weekend mass; use the order form available on Sycamore; or go online at www.shopwithscrip.com. Questions? Please contact Sean or Kelli Wilson at 816-444-8412 or stescrip@gmail.com.

Consider helping our Scrip Committee. If you're available to help with filling, pick up or delivery of orders, especially during the holiday season, please contact Kelli Wilson (# above).

Teacher Christmas Fund

Christmas is coming and it's a great time to show our teachers how much we appreciate all they do. In lieu of a purchased gift for your child's/children's teachers this holiday season, the CPTA Teacher/Staff Support Committee is asking you to consider donating the gift of money to the Teacher Christmas Fund. Last year over \$10,000 was raised from family donations so all the teachers and aids received a generous gift. No donation is too small. Your child will bring home a letter via backpack. Please return to the school office by Dec. 13.

Sweet Tomatoes Night Results

Thanks to all those who participated in the Sweet Tomatoes Teacher/Staff Support Event, which raised \$257. Our next event is at Chipolte on Wednesday, Dec. 7.

Enrichment Program Event



Originally a Day Of The Dead program was scheduled at school for Oct. 18. Due to a last minute cancellation, grades 1-6 ended up enjoying a local Marimba band, which presented samples of music from different regions of Mexico instead. Thank you to Chris Meier for organizing a great event for our children in very little time!

More Stuff. . .

Girl Scout
Movie Night
Dec. 2
See Flyer

Chipolte
Teacher/Staff Night
Dec. 7

Christmas Sale
Dec. 10-11
See Flyer

Rebate Corner
See Flyer

Book Fair Highlights



Thanks to all of our Book Fair volunteers, especially Chairperson Beth Cressey and our friendly librarian, Jane Mulvihill-Jones. Thanks to our families, the fair brought in \$8,000 in sales and over \$600 was earned in One For Books donations.



The Book Fair continues online until Nov. 28. Items will ship to the school free of charge and will be delivered to your child's classroom after Nov. 28. If the items are a gift, please send Jane Mulvihill-Jones a PAN and she will notify you when they arrive. The website is scholastic.com/schoolbookfairs. Follow the screen directions to find our specific school. This is a great way for our community to shop for gifts and support our library as well.

Keep Those Labels Coming...

In the past 3 months, St. E families have sent in more than \$700 in Box Tops & 11,000 My Coke reward points. In this newsletter, we have put together tips for how to earn even more rewards. All children will receive an official 2011-2012 "Label Collection Baggie" this week. Fill them up and return them any time before April. Congratulations to Ms. Erin's Pre-K Class for winning the "Golden Scissor Award" for collecting the most labels (799) in October.



Under The Big Top

Auction and Casino – April 28, 2012

Thank you to the ladies who gave up their Saturday night to help at the St. Thomas More Auction: Erin Hymer, Mia Hotze, Mary Aldaco, Laurie DeLong, Lisa Anielak, Pam Hutchinson, Amy Johnson, Susan Stegall, Danielle Bergfeld, Brooke Wentworth and Tara Fitzgerald.

Gathering Parties

All grades now have hosts! Thank you to the Yagmin, Lenox, Connelly and Hall families for hosting the kindergarten gathering party, which brought in almost \$2,400. Thank you also to the Fitzgerald, Covell, Taylor and Moen families for hosting the 1st grade gathering party, which contributed \$1200. We hope everyone had fun. These parties are great community builders.

If you would like to volunteer for this year's auction, please contact Chairperson Brooke Wentworth at 816-361-6243.

School Recycling Center



Please remember to drop off your box tops and labels, juice pouches, ink cartridges, and cell phones at our recycling center in the main school hallway (the blue boxes). Your kids can drop these items off on their way into the building each morning, making it easy and convenient to participate. The CPTA earns dollars and points for school purchases when you recycle. If you have ideas about other recycling programs for our school, please call Cynthia Randazzo at 816-822-7887.

Thanks for reading.
Sharon & Chris Lester

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



November 23 – Noon Dismissal
December 2 – Girl Scout Movie Night
December 5 – Band Concert
December 7 - Chipolte Teacher/Staff Appreciation Night
December 8 - No School
December 10-11 – Christmas Sale

CHRISTMAS IS COMING. . .

Would you like some help marking a few names off of your Christmas shopping list? Let us help! Here is how it works...

- In lieu of a purchased gift for your child's/children's teachers this Holiday Season, the CPTA Teacher/Staff Support Committee is asking you to consider donating a gift of money to the Teacher Christmas Gift Fund.
- Give what you can (suggested donation - What you would normally spend on each of your children's homeroom teachers, specials teachers, teacher aides and paras, or add a little more!).
- The monies collected are exclusively for all teachers, specials teachers, teacher aides and paras and will be given in addition to, but separately, from the proceeds received from our Fall Teacher/Staff Support Events (**Papa Murphy's, Culver's, Sporting KC, McTeacher's Night at McDonald's, Sweet Tomatoes and Chipotle**) which is also divided among all teachers as well as other staff/faculty.
- Attached is an envelope with the names of your child/children. Please return your check (made out the CPTA) or cash in this envelope to the office by Tuesday, December 13, 2011 (or bring it to the CPTA Christmas Sale on Sat. 12/10 or Sun 12/11) to ensure that each of your children's names will be included on the Special Holiday card given to each teacher-(please let us know if you need a receipt). Also, please review the names/grades and make any necessary corrections.

Last year, the homeroom teachers, specials teachers, teacher aides and paras received a special monetary gift for the holidays based on the more than \$10,000 raised by family donations made to the Teacher Christmas Gift Fund. Any contribution will be much appreciated and the amount you give is completely confidential.

We invite you to help us keep this tradition alive. Join us in making a donation to the Teacher Christmas Gift Fund. May you and your family enjoy a blessed Christmas Season and as always, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Teacher/Staff Support Committee,

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SHARE THE LOVE AND JOY OF THE SEASON!

Holiday Gift Guide

Script Ideas for Everyone on Your List

For Moms

Bath & Body Works
Kohl's
Sephora
SpaFinder
Target



For the Fashion Forward

T.J.Maxx
American Eagle
Banana Republic
J. Crew
Macy's

BANANA REPUBLIC

For Dads

The Home Depot
Lowe's
Outback Steakhouse
Sears



For Outdoor Enthusiasts

Cabela's
Bass Pro Shops
Dick's Sporting Goods
L.L. Bean



For Business Gifts

American Express
Best Buy
Cheesecake Factory
Staples
See's Candies



For Cooks and Foodies

Bed Bath & Beyond
Crate & Barrel
Pottery Barn
Omaha Steaks
Williams-Sonoma

WILLIAMS
SONOMA

For Teachers

Papa Murphy's
Panera Bread
Bath & Body Works
Barnes & Noble
Shutterfly



For Stocking Stuffers

AMC Theatres Gold Ticket
Baskin Robbins
Chipotle
Starbucks
Subway

STARBUCKS®

For Toys for All Ages

Walmart
Disney
Toys-R-Us
Best Buy



For the Tough-To-Shop-For

amazon.com
Groupon.com
Overstock.com
iTunes

amazon.com



CPTA

Christmas Sale

Following All Masses

December 10 & 11

St. Elizabeth Spirit items, Scrip Cards and Catholic School Discount Cards will be offered for sale in addition to homemade goodies and crafts.

If you would like a table to offer your crafts or goods for this event, please contact Alicia Ways at lish@everestkc.net.

Santa will be available following 10:00 mass along with coffee & donuts.





Earn Big Rewards This Holiday Season



Tips from your Rebate & Rewards Committee

Holiday Meals Planning


- Keep your "Label Collection Baggie" and a pair of scissors handy at all times!
- Need Coupons? Join the *Box Tops for Education* Community and use their exclusive coupons to purchase holiday baking items, storage containers, cereal, and much more.
⇒ <https://www.boxtops4education.com/common/register.aspx>
- Planning to make your Grandma's famous recipes? Consider purchasing ingredients that use products with labels that support the rebate & rewards program:
GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE
⇒ Best Choice Green Beans (*Best Choice Label*)
⇒ Campbell's® Condensed Cream of Mushroom Soup (*Label for Education*)
⇒ Best Choice French Fried Onion (*Best Choice Label*)
- Sending leftovers home in plastic container? You can't go wrong with Ziploc (*Box Tops*) or Glad (*Labels for Education*) products.
- What are you serving to drink? Coke Products - be sure to save those *My Coke Reward* Lids and Box Ends. (Coke, Coke Zero, Diet Coke, Sprite, Dasani Water, Powerade, Minute Maid, Fanta, Vault, Barq's Rootbeer, Pibb Extra, Mello Yello, Nestea, Seagram's Ginger Ale)
- Dessert anyone? Pie, brownies, cake... You can find labels on quality items such as Pillsbury Pie Crusts (*Box Tops*) – keep your eyes open because this time of year sometime products will offer double Box Tops.
- Visiting friends or relatives? Be sure to take them a "Label Collection Baggie" and ask to rummage through their pantry and/or refrigerator to collect all the labels that might otherwise been tossed out.
- Dinning Out? Families cannot survive on Turkey alone! If you're planning to eat out be sure to purchase your favorite **SCRiP** cards prior to the Holidays. Did you know that The Cheesecake Factory is now available via SCRiPNow? What is SCRiP Now? If you have a PrestoPay account you can order your SCRiP card while you're eating, view it on your smart phone, and pay with it when you leave!

Black Friday

- Do your research! Black Friday ads are already available. Don't wait; take a look as soon as possible.
⇒ <http://bfads.net/>
- Enroll in SCRiP's PrestoPay today so you can take advantage of SCRiPNow! What is SCRiP Now? Order your SCRiPNow digital card while you're shopping (or waiting in line), view it on your smart phone, and pay with it when you leave!
⇒ www.shopwithscrip.com
- Purchase your SCRiP Cards before the Thanksgiving Holiday. Many of your favorites are available for pick-up at the office (*Target, Walmart, Old Navy, etc.*).
- Purchase stocking stuffers. Fruit Roll-up (*Box Tops*), Bic pens/pencils/markers (*Labels for Education*), and **SCRiP** gift cards (iTunes, Best Buy, Vera Bradley, etc.) make great stocking stuffers!
- Enjoy a movie. Purchase your movie tickets or gift cards. Regal and AMC Theatres tickets may be purchased through **SCRiP**.
- Sign up for and use your Target RedCard (Debit or Credit)! You receive 5% off of every purchase (even those HOT Door buster items). Be sure to register your card to St. Elizabeth School before you go shopping. Need help? Check with Customer Service or use your online account.
⇒ https://redcard.target.com/redcard/rc_main.jsp

Cyber Monday

- Order Your Gifts Online: Join the *Box Tops for Education* Community and use the BoxTops Marketplace to access your favorite online stores. Earn *Box Tops* with every purchase. (Target, Walmart, Macy's, Vera Bradley, Toys-R-U's, and more)
⇒ <http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/marketplace/Default.aspx>
- Get Creative! Use the Box Tops Marketplace to place your orders and pay for them with your SCRiP cards (plastic or digital). Now, you're really getting the most out of your holiday shopping!



Save The label Packaging

Check the label, you will be surprised at how many items that you already have will earn rewards for our school!

Questions contact Terri Leuschen, Rebate and Rewards Committee Chairperson (tleuschen@everestkc.net or PAN)

WHOLE LOTTA LOVE.



Make dinner a selfless act by joining
us for a fundraiser.

Wednesday, December 7th
4:00pm - 8:00pm
at Chipotle Waldo

Bring in this flyer and 50% of the
proceeds to benefit St Elizabeth School .



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**ST. ELIZABETH
GIRL SCOUT
HOLIDAY
MOVIE NIGHT
Friday, December 2**

Need to go Christmas shopping? Want to have dinner with your spouse or friends? We have the perfect opportunity for you and your family. The St. Elizabeth Junior Girl Scout Troop parents are hosting the 5th Annual “Holiday Movie Night” for St. Elizabeth children grades Kindergarten through 4th. “The Smurfs” will be the movie we are featuring. Snacks and beverages will be provided. (Please have your children bring their sleeping bag, pillow and slippers so they are more comfortable.)

When the evil wizard Gargamel chases the tiny blue Smurfs out of their village, they tumble from their magical world and into ours – in fact, smack dab in the middle of Central Park. Just three apples high and stuck in the Big Apple, the Smurfs must find a way to get back to their village before Gargamel tracks them down. Neil Patrick Harris, Jayma Mays, Sofia Vergara, and Hank Azaria star on camera opposite an all-star voice cast. Anton Yelchin will play Clumsy Smurf; comedy legend Jonathan Winters, who voiced roles in the "Smurfs" television series, will voice Papa Smurf; Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter Katy Perry will play Smurfette; Alan Cumming will play Gutsy Smurf; "SNL's" Fred Armisen will voice Brainy Smurf; and George Lopez will play Grouchy Smurf. In the live-action roles, Azaria will play the Smurfs' nemesis, the evil wizard Gargamel. Harris and Mays star as an expectant couple whose lives are turned upside down when the Smurfs cross over from their magical village to New York City. Vergara plays Odile, Harris's boss, a cosmetics executive. PG

Date: Friday, December 2, 2011
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Seton Hall

Cost: \$5 Donation per child in advance or
\$6 Donation per child at the door

Checks should be made payable to Girl Scouts. If you have questions, please call Cynthia Randazzo (822.7887), Lee Anne Jester (569.5712) or Paula Slocomb 363.3028.



Yes, I/We plan to attend the “Holiday Movie Night” on Dec 2. Enclosed is my/our check for \$_____.

Child’s Name/Grade _____
Child’s Name/Grade _____
Child’s Name/Grade _____

Parent Name(s) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Return form and send donation to the St. Elizabeth School office by Wednesday, November 30.

Happy Holidays!!