

# Holy Cross Academy

## Fundraising Partnerships

**BUY SCRIP CARDS:** Scrip is a program by which you purchase gift cards at face value, and St. Mary's Parish receives a portion of the purchase value as profit. St. Mary's dedicates all proceeds from SCRIP sales to HCA for tuition support and expansion fund. Gift cards can be physical or e-gift cards, and many now can be reloadable. Scrip Cards are sold after Masses on the weekends, or at school on Wednesdays at pick-up. They can also be purchased online with PrestoPay and sent home with your school child. A list of current retailers as well as a how-to guide for setting up an account is available on the HCA website under attachments.

- 1 First, please set-up an account at <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/>
- 2 Then email [scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com](mailto:scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com) to receive St. Mary's Parish Code.
- 3 You then have the option of signing up for PrestoPay. PrestoPay allows EFT from your checking account directly to St. Mary's to avoid having to send cash/checks in with children or remembering to carry the cash/check with you to purchase your scrip cards.

*Example of use/profit:* Your family spends \$100 a week on groceries at Giant. You pay \$100 to St. Mary's for a \$100 Giant gift card. St. Mary's makes 4% profit or \$4. *Doesn't sound like much?* Multiple that by 52 weeks a year and \$208 profit goes to St. Mary's (really HCA). Imagine if every family in our school or parish did this? This is just an example some retailers give 10-20% profit back to our school!

Speaking of **Giant Food:** Starting in October, when you connect your Giant grocery store card number with the A+ School Rewards Program, every trip for groceries will benefit Holy Cross Academy! Our school number is 02320. Your *My Giant* card only needs to be registered once, but must be reconfirmed each year. <http://www.giantfood.com/aplus/>

**Box Tops for Education:** Collection sheets are located on the school website under attachments. Collection bins are located at the front entrance to the school or can be given to your child's teacher. If you register on Box Tops 4 Education website, you can designate Holy Cross Academy as your school. Several times a year they have online point earning promotions through sweepstakes and coupons. In addition, you can register your frequent shopper cards from places like Kmart, Rite Aid, Shoppers, Publix, Weis, and many more - which allows bonus box tops points from retailers to be directly loaded to our school's account. Grandparents and family out of the area can register their shopping cards from their local stores to give to HCA. <https://www.boxtops4education.com>

**AmazonSmile:** AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support HCA every time you shop. First, use the weblink <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-1889183> to register and designate Holy Cross as your AmazonSmile charity of choice with your amazon account. Then simply use smile.amazon.com instead of amazon.com to start your purchases, and Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to Holy Cross Academy. This does not impact prime membership.

**Good Search:** When you register at Good Search (and its related sites, GoodShop and GoodDining), every time you begin at GoodSearch to make an Internet search our school earns about a penny. Think how quickly those pennies could add up to dollars searching for information online! Be sure to sign up to benefit Holy Cross Academy; our charity ID number is 867954. <http://www.goodsearch.com/>

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**Certifi Kid:** Use promo code **HCA** when making purchases on website for discounted family activities. Use it at checkout for 50% off fall classes, entertainment, unique gifts, restaurants, fall festivals, holiday shows and more! For every \$30 CertifiKID purchase using our school promo code, purchasers get \$5 off and \$5 goes toward our school. <http://www.certifikid.com/>

**MightyNest:** This website allows purchasers to link to a school and a percentage of the order total will be donated back to Holy Cross Academy. [www.mightynest.com](http://www.mightynest.com)

**Office Depot:** There is a collection bin in the resource room for old ink cartridges. We turn them into Office Depot and get credit to purchase new ink cartridges for school printers. If you have old cartridges you'd like to donate, please drop them off in the resource room. In addition, if you have a Office Depot Rewards card, you can add our school (code 70103759) and HCA will receive a portion of the sales linked to your card.

**World's Finest Chocolate Sale:** The one and only mandatory PTO fundraiser for the school year. Each family is asked to sell 60 bars (\$ 2 each) on their own or after Masses at church. There is the option of a "buy-out" for families not wishing to sell chocolate. The instructions for buying out of the fundraiser will be found in the newsletter at the beginning of the school year.

*The funds from the candy sale support the many PTO activities that take place throughout the school year including the New Parent Reception in August, Grandparents Day in October, Doughnuts with Dad in November and Muffins with Mom in May. In addition the PTO provides funds for classrooms supplies and a welcome back and Christmas luncheon for the faculty and staff.*

**Expansion Specific Fundraisers:** Please watch the newsletter for more information on these programs