

Dear Choir Parents,

Please join us at the Tompkins Center **TONIGHT**, Monday September 17th for the Choir Booster Meeting and Welcome Reception. Enjoy a wine and cheese reception, an opportunity to meet fellow boosters, a performance by our choirs, and a booster information meeting.

We hope to see you there!

The Details and Links section of this email will help explain the Choir SCRIP program, which is a way for you to earn money to help pay for your student's **Choir and Competition Fees** by buying retail gift cards for at face value and receiving a rebate to your child's escrow account. This is an easy way to earn money for your child's account.

FAST FACTS:

- The Choir Welcome Reception and Booster Information Meeting is **TONIGHT - Monday, September 17th** at the Tompkins Center, Windmill Pointe Park, GPP. New choir families arrive at 6:30pm, current families arrive at 7:00pm.
- Choir spirit wear is available now through **Saturday September 22nd** on the choir website at <http://www.gpsouthchoir.org/choir-store-apparel/> Do not miss the order deadline!
- Fall Follies Tickets will go on sale on **Thursday September 20th**. See the website to purchase.
- SCRIP Order deadline is **Sunday, September 23rd**. See below to learn about the SCRIP program.

DETAILS AND LINKS:

"Shop with SCRIP" is a program that allows you to buy gift cards/certificates for national and local retailers (the same cards that you buy at the stores) at face value, and a portion of that purchase is rebated to your student's escrow account. Many popular retailers participate in our SCRIP program including Brooks Brothers, Talbots, American Girl, Barnes and Noble, The Gap, Shell, BP, Panera, Starbucks and many, many others. A complete list of 2018-19 participating retailers is attached.

The program is simple -- SCRIP participating retailers agree to sell gift cards to our organization at a discount. You buy the cards for full face value, they redeem them for

full face value, and the discounted amount goes to your escrow account. The rebates range from 1-20%, depending on the retailer, with higher rebates available during special promotions.

Example: You buy a \$100 card from Lands End, which has a 16% rebate. You pay \$100 for the card. Choir Boosters pay ShopWithScrip \$84 and \$16 goes into your student's escrow account. Easy!

Attached are the registration instructions for SCRIP, and a listing of the retailers. You may use this list to get orders from your friends and family too. All orders must be placed on line at www.shopwithscrip.com. We currently participate in both Physical Gift Cards (plastic cards) and SCRIPNow eCard (delivered via email), and will now participate in "PrestoPay" for SCRIPNow eCards and ReloadNow for physical cards initially ordered through SCRIP.

For more information, here is a link to a video called "What is SCRIP": <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/Support/videos>.

The next SCRIP order date is **Sunday September 23rd**. Orders should be placed online and a check dropped off to Amy Moncivais' home – 1104 Maryland, GP Park, by 7 PM that evening. Payment for orders must be submitted by **cash or check** (payable to GPS Choir Boosters). SCRIPNow orders will be available late Sunday evening and the plastic cards available the next Thursday for pick up.

We will post new dates on the website and in these weekly emails, so stay tuned.... Think of all of the places you shop regularly and buy those SCRIP cards. You can earn money buying them for places you normally spend \$\$ anyway! Keep a stack in your wallet, these do not have to be gifts only!

We know that Choir costs add up. We hope many of you will take advantage of this simple way to earn money for your student's escrow account. Please feel free to email or call Amy Moncivais with any questions: Phone 313-819-8872 or Email a.moncivais@comcast.net.

Happy SCRIPping!!

With Warm Regards,

Megan and Freeman Gunnell
2018-19 Choir Booster Presidents