



Explanation of Fees (Grades K-8)

PLAYGROUND FEE (K-8): There is a \$30 per family playground fee due by July 1, 2017 unless it is included in your FACTS payment plan. Those who volunteer to supervise on the playground are offered a tuition credit of \$5 per day. Volunteering six days per year earns your fee back. This fee is non-refundable. *(Does not apply to Carlson's Kids)*

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FEE (K-8): This fee pays for textbooks, copier fees, software, and internet charges. The fee for the 2017-18 school year is \$205 per child (this is the only per-child fee). This fee must be paid by July 1, 2017 unless it is included in your FACTS payment plan. This fee is non-refundable. *(Does not apply to Carlson's Kids)*

PARISH SUBSIDY ACTIVITY FEE (K-8): St. James the Greater Parish subsidizes the school through fundraising as well as parish donations. Therefore, all K-8 parents are expected to work at least one or more major parish fundraising activity (Homecoming, St. Patrick's Day, & Auction) for a minimum of 5 hours, and 10 hours toward other events (Book Fair, Mission Carnival, Christmas House, Fish Fries), for a total of 15 hours. Each K-8 Family will be assessed a Parish Subsidy Activity Fee of \$155.00 on July 1st, 2017 (unless it is included in your FACTS payment plan). Parents are responsible for making sure that they follow the correct procedure for having their hours tracked. Once you have fulfilled your volunteer obligation, the \$155 fee will be credited toward tuition balance due. *(Does not apply to Carlson's Kids)*

REFUNDABLE SCRIP FEE (K-8): We require each K-8 school family to make at least \$2400 in annual scrip purchases (an average of \$200/month starting July 1st, 2017 until June 30th, 2018).

It is very easy for everyone to participate in the Scrip Program. The scrip program is a way to raise money by shopping with gift cards for everyday purchases like food, clothing and entertainment. Each scrip gift card you buy earns a rebate for your non-profit organization (in this case, St. James the Greater). Scrip is a powerful, "no-selling" fundraiser. When people hear about scrip, many ask, "what's the catch?" The catch – if there is one – is that families need to plan ahead a little and do their normal shopping with gift cards.

Using Scrip couldn't be easier. Our families purchase gift cards for places where they plan to shop, and use those cards instead of cash or credit. Great Lakes Scrip Center sells those gift cards to St. James the Greater at a discount. We sell them to our families for full face value and you redeem the cards for full face value. St. James the Greater keeps the difference as a rebate, earning a percentage of every dollar spent using the scrip gift cards.

The program offers such a wide variety of gift cards that it is easy to meet your requirement. You can buy scrip gift cards for grocery stores, restaurants, drug stores, department stores, gas stations, Sam's/Walmart, Target, and even Toys R Us! For a full list of the hundreds of participating retailers, go to:

<http://www.stjamesthegreater.org/PDF/scripretailers.pdf>

Each K-8 Family will be assessed a Refundable Scrip Fee of \$155.00 on July 1st, 2017 (unless it is included in your FACTS payment plan). Once you have fulfilled your scrip obligation, the \$155 fee will be credited toward tuition balance due. *(Does not apply to Carlson's Kids)*