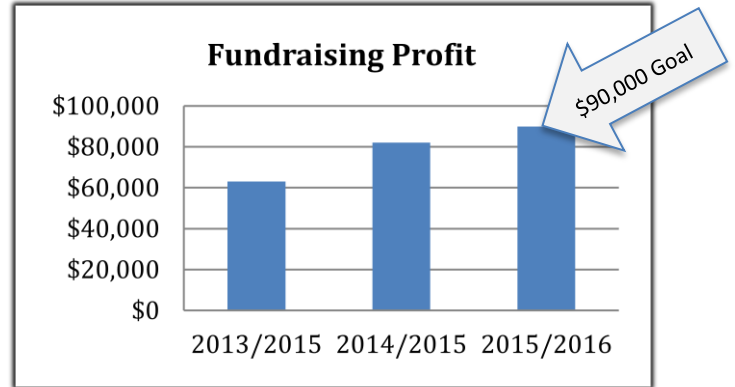




# Saint Patrick School 2015/2016 Fundraising Requirement

## Why Fundraising?

It costs Saint Patrick School \$10,500 to educate each child; however we do not require any family to pay this full price for their child's education. The Daughters of Charity contribute a substantial amount to the operation of the school. Our school fundraisers also help to make up the difference. It is important that all our families participate in our school's fundraisers and meet the **mandatory \$350 family fundraising requirement.**



## \$90,000 for 90 Years Fundraising Campaign

For the past 90 years, Saint Patrick School has been making a difference in the lives of students and the future of our world by investing in the education of our children. As we celebrate this milestone, we are asking parents to share in the ongoing fulfillment of this mission by working together to achieve this year's fundraising goal of \$90,000.

**In order to reach this goal, all families are expected to participate in the various fundraising activities and meet their \$350 fundraising profit requirement.** (The only exception is those families who elected the 'buy-out' option on their

Fundraising Contract.) Profit is the percentage our school makes and varies for each fundraiser. Any excess amount is gratefully accepted and may be credited towards service hours at a rate of \$12/hour.

How to Meet Your Fundraising Requirement		
Fundraiser	When	Profit Earned
Box Tops	Year round	10c/box top
Jog-a-thon	October 21	90%
Shares (Lucky/Savemart)	Year round	3%
Scrip	Year round	1-20%
Winter Product Fundraiser	December	25-40%
Academic-a-thon	February	90%
Spring Product Fundraiser	March	40%-50%
International Day	Apr 28	Varies

Fundraising Statements are sent out periodically showing the profit you have earned for each fundraiser. ***Start now: don't wait until the end of the year to begin earning your family's \$350 profit requirement.***

In addition to fundraisers, Saint Patrick's arranges for regular opportunities to gather as a school community. While a nominal amount may be charged, these events are primarily social in nature and are not eligible for fundraising credit.

## Jog-a-thon & Academic-a-thon

Both the Jog-a-thon and the Academic-a-thon are school-wide events as well as Major fundraisers. **As such, we expect 100% participation from all students.** The Jog-a-thon is held in October with a focus on health and fitness. The Academic-a-thon is held in February with a focus on one of the following core academic skills: math, reading, or spelling. In the month prior to the event, students seek sponsorships from relatives and friends for their participation. *The goal is \$100/student for the Jog-a-thon and \$50/student for the Academic-a-thon.*

## Winter and Spring Product Fundraisers

Twice a year we have fundraisers in which students sell items to their family, friends and close neighbors. Families will have a choice to participate in three different product sales this Winter: See's Candies, Java Joe's Coffee, and cookie dough; the World's Finest Chocolate sale will be held in the Spring.

## Scrip

Unlike other fundraisers, Scrip allows you to earn money for our school just by making regular household purchases at grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, and many retail stores. But instead of paying with cash or credit, you use prepaid gift cards (“scrip”) that you purchase from the St. Patrick School Fundraising Office. You purchase gift cards from St. Patrick’s at face value, which the school is able to purchase from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a reduced price. The difference is an instant rebate ranging from 1% to 20%, for our school.

**Just by using scrip to pay for your normal weekly purchases, you can easily raise \$350 or more per year.** Scrip can be purchased either in the Fundraising or School Office any time school is in session or by filling out and returning the order forms sent home in the Wednesday envelope.



## SHARES – Savemart, Lucky & FoodMaxx Shoppers

Savemart, Lucky & FoodMaxx “Shares” program donates 3% of all Shares purchases to your school of choice. Participants use a St. Patrick’s S.H.A.R.E.S. card that must then be swiped before purchases are rung up. The card contains no participant’s personal information and has no dollar value. Shares Cards do not expire and are available at the Fundraising Office. You may request cards for other family members. Shares cards can be used along with Scrip gift cards for an additional 2% profit. If you already have a Shares card, make sure it is registered with the Fundraising Office. If you need one, please fill out below.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ # of Shares Cards  
I already have a Shares card – Club card #(s) \_\_\_\_\_

## Target Shoppers – Join the “Take Charge of Education”

Target has offered us an easy way to raise funds for our school. All you have to do is use your Target Visa or Target Red Card when you shop at Target stores. We will receive a percentage of the amount of each purchase in the form of a cash donation from Target through the **Take Charge of Education** program; but you must designate our school before you shop. Just visit [target.com/tcoe](http://target.com/tcoe), or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate our school. **The school I.D. Number is #18120.**



## eScrip (Safeway) No Longer Available

Effective August 1, 2015 Safeway no longer is a supporter of the eScrip (‘electronic scrip’) program. For Safeway shoppers the only way to earn fundraising credit is through the use of plastic Scrip gift cards.

## Box Tops



Box Tops for Education is an easy program to help our school raise money. Box Tops can be found on many products we use on a daily basis. Products such as Betty Crocker, General Mills, Hanes, Hefty, Nestle, Pillsbury, Ziploc, etc. Each one is worth 10¢ when our school redeems them.

## International Day

This is Saint Patrick’s largest social and fundraising event of the year; includes regional food, entertainment and both a Silent Auction and Raffle. Profits are earned by sponsorships, donations, purchasing raffle tickets and silent auction prizes.

## Corporate Matching Gifts Program

MATCHING GIFTS are an important source of funding for education. Several companies provide their employees an opportunity to direct monies to charitable educational institutions. Check with your employer’s Human Resources department to see if they have a program to match your tax-deductible gift to St. Patrick School.