

## **E-News: Scrips Announcement! 90% to Student Accounts!**

Happy holidays to our band and color guard students, teachers, staff and families!

Just in time for holiday shopping! We are excited to announce that the student account split for scrips is **90%** through December 31! (90% to student accounts; 10% to BBAWB) Take advantage of this by loading up on scrips for the holidays, or enrolling in our scrip program now!

### **Scrips “101”**

**What is scrip?** If you purchase gift cards for America’s most popular retailers through Great Lakes Scrip Center® (GLSC) and use them for your holiday purchases, not only will you get to take advantage of some great deals that are out there, but you will also earn money towards your students’ account and for the benefit of the West Bloomfield Band Boosters. You buy the face value of the gift cards; the BBAWB earns a percentage of each card (the “rebate”). The BBAWB then splits the rebate – a percentage goes to your student account; the remainder stays with the BBAWB.

**Example:** You purchase a \$25 gift card for Kohl’s from GLSC. The rebate is 4%, or \$1.00. You get the face value of the card; the BBAWB will receive the \$1.00 rebate. Starting now through December 31, 90% of this amount will be recorded in your student account (as .9 points).

**What is a student account?** Scroll down for detailed information on student accounts.

**There are two ways to order:** 1) You can order your scrip from the list and write a check to BBAWB for the face value of the gift cards and we will order the scrip for you, or 2) you can sign up and enroll in “PrestoPay” to pay online on the GLSC website.

**To sign up for the Scrip Program:**

Simply go to: [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) or

Click [here](#) to be taken to the “How to Enroll” page and then click “Join Your Existing Program”

The enrollment code for Band Boosters of West Bloomfield is: **18L5CFD5612L**

**Enrolling in PrestoPay**

Once you are signed up with GLSC, enrolling in PrestoPay is easy:

1. Click on the PrestoPay link on your Dashboard.
2. Enter your bank account and account holder information.
3. Within 2-3 business days, we will deposit two small amounts in your bank account from Great Lakes Scrip Center. Record those amounts when you see them.
4. Sign onto [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com), enter these amounts in your PrestoPay registration to verify the account, and choose a PIN number to use for online payment.
5. Once you complete the verification, you will see the approval code on that page. Provide that to your organization coordinator to approve you, and once approved by the coordinator, PrestoPay will be available as a payment option at checkout.

For additional information, visit our website at

<http://wbbands.info/fundraising/scrip-program/>, or feel free to contact our BBAWB Scrips Coordinator, Marguerite DeBello: [scrips@wbbands.info](mailto:scrips@wbbands.info), or (248) 891-1036

### **Student Accounts “101”**

For those who are new to our programs, here is some detailed information about Student Accounts.

If your student is in a band class in the West Bloomfield School District, or a participant in any of our extracurricular band programs, he or she is automatically eligible for a student account!

#### **What does this mean?**

Students who participate in fundraisers that offer a student account “split” will receive a percentage of the money they raise for their student account. Each dollar that goes into a student account is converted into one point.

#### **Example:**

A student participates in a sale where the student account split is 50/50. The student raises \$100 in proceeds from the sale. With a 50/50 split, \$50 will go to the Band Boosters Association of West Bloomfield (BBAWB), and the student earns 50 points for their student account.

#### **How points can be used:**

Families can use their points for any band or music-related purchase or service, such as band program fees (Marching Band, Winter Percussion, Winter Guard, Winter Winds), solo and ensemble fees, lessons, band trips, etc.

Student account points do not expire! As long as your student is in band class or participates in an extracurricular band activity, points can accumulate all the way through their senior year of high school!

**How to enroll:**

Email us at [studentaccounts@wbbands.info](mailto:studentaccounts@wbbands.info). Include your student's name, grade, school and student number and we will set up an account for you.

**Checking your balance:**

The BBAWB uses a system called Charms to maintain student account point balances. Once you are enrolled we will send you a document with detailed instructions on how to access your student's account. If you need a refresher, e-mail us at the student accounts e-mail above and we will send you the form.

**If you have more than one student in band:**

If you have more than one student in band, the points will accrue to the oldest student's account, provided they are enrolled in a band class. Points can be redeemed for any student within a family. When your oldest student graduates, the points will pass to the next younger student. Please note: Points cannot be transferred to other families, and they cannot be cashed in at graduation (see below).

**How to redeem points:**

Parents can redeem student account points by downloading a [Student Point Usage Form](#) from the WB Bands website and turning it in to the Student Account Treasurer. (Unfortunately, due to IRS regulations, the BBAWB cannot redeem points with cash or check.)