

FUNDRAISING MADE EASY

Everybody buys gas and food. Most people go to a restaurant occasionally and buy clothes. Buy gift cards from the scrip table to make these purchases. You need to plan ahead and be organized, but you can pay a MAJOR part of your band bill by following a few simple steps.

Grocery Stores:

- Meijer-please go to Meijer.com for directions
- Kroger-enroll your Kroger plus card # (see attached)
- Hilliers-pick up a re-chargeable gift card from scrip table
- Busch's- purchase a re-chargeable gift card from scrip table

For Kroger's-have all your friends and relatives enroll their Kroger plus number on-line. Get their Kroger plus card numbers and email them to Lisa Swales at shawn.swales@yahoo.com. This is the easiest way to make money for your account. You literally have to do nothing but enter your Kroger plus number on-line. You don't even need to have your Plus card at Kroger. It works with your phone number, also. Your receipt will read "Thank you for supporting Plymouth Canton Music Boosters" on the bottom. Hint: for double points-purchase a gift card using your Kroger plus card. Then use that gift card to purchase items along with your Kroger plus card. You will get double duty from your Plus card! Keep recharging your gift card. Gift cards are especially great if you need to stick to a budget. I have several friends who use the gift card "budget" plan.

Kohl's lets you use gift cards to pay your credit card balance. Use your gift cards to pay your bill and every month you'll get a 15% off coupon to use. This can change at any time, so check your scrip messages for the merchant when you look at the monthly scrip offerings on the PCMB website.

Tips:

Purchase a small, plastic accordion file. Buy scrip gift cards ahead of time and store them in this file. I have a file for the car-with the cards that I use most and also a file in the house with the cards that I use less often. The file in the car holds fast food cards, gas cards, etc. The file in the

house holds real restaurant cards, clothing stores, movie theatre cards, bookstores etc.

When we go out to eat, we use the cards that we have. As I use them, I order them so they're on hand. I buy clothes from places I can order cards from: American Eagle, Kohl's, and Limited etc...

If you're going to do major improvements on your house, start purchasing Home Depot or Lowe cards ahead of time \$25 or \$50 a weeks adds up quickly.

I do a Christmas Club account. My boys want electronics. I buy \$25 Best Buy every week. At Christmas time I have a huge amount of gift cards to buy their gifts with. I'm buying a computer-so I'm buying \$100 Best Buy gift card each week until I have enough to purchase my computer.

Think ahead-for birthdays, baby and wedding showers, weddings, retirements, Christmas, etc.-and buy gift cards before going shopping. I have a wedding shower to go to on Saturday; I purchased gift cards in the amount that I plan on spending for my friend's daughter. I will use the gift cards to buy her gift. For my niece's shower, I purchased gift cards and bought a gift and then gave her gift cards, too. Tell your relatives and friends, that if they're going to buy gift cards for people, let you do their shopping!

If you work for a company that gives "incentives" or "gifts" for reaching goals-use our gift cards as these incentives.

Some people like to use their credit card for frequent flier miles etc...you can buy scrip with your credit cards for a minimal fee.

Some places will volunteer to recharge your card-don't do it! Recharging will not give you the % towards your account. You have to go through the scrip table. (Excludes Hillers and Busch's)

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Fundraisers

- Flower sale-sales go towards individual account
- Craft shows-proceeds go to general fund
- Great Lakes Invitational-proceeds go to general fund
- Garbage bags-sales go towards individual account
- Dine to Donate-proceeds go to general fund
- Poker nights-proceeds go to general fund

*Remember all sales that go towards your individual account are 75% to your band fee and 25% to the general fund