

# Saint Patrick School Read-a-Thon 2017

Dear Parents:

Join us in the Joy of Reading. This exciting event is designed to promote literacy and a passion for reading in addition to raising funds for our school. **Participation by all students is required.** By holding a pledge-based event, students have the opportunity to reach out to friends, neighbors, grandparents, co-workers....anyone who believes in St. Patrick School's mission and that literacy is the key to life long success.



Olga C. Islas, Principal

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Olga Calzada Islas".

## **Student Expectations**

**Obtain one or more sponsors**

**Read and log minutes daily over 14 days**

**95% of all paid pledges credited to your family fundraising requirement  
(Goal of \$125/family)**

## HOW DOES THE EVENT WORK?

1. Students received a **Read-A-Thon Packet** and pledge form in their classes this week. They have until next Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> to collect pledges before the Read-A-Thon. All students need to have at least one sponsor and each family to raise a minimum \$125. The only exceptions are families who have already met their \$350 fundraising requirement or signed up for buy-out at the beginning of the school year; those students may turn in a \$5 pledge to meet the participation criteria.
2. Sponsors may pledge either by the minute or make a flat pledge. **Pre-paid pledges are recommended.** Minimum daily reading goals per grade are as follows:  

TK – Kinder: 15 minutes  
1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: 30 minutes
3. On the first day of the Read-A-Thon, teachers will assign each student a **Minute Recording Sheet** which is used to log each student's daily reading. This form must be initialed each day by both the parent and the student's teacher during the entire 14-days of the Read-A-Thon. This is an academic assignment and students will receive a grade for their participation.
4. Certificates and **Sponsorship Forms** will be returned to students after the Read-A-Thon to collect any remaining pledges.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Mark your calendars for the following school-wide events:

- Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>: Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) Family Reading Night
- March 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Seuss' Birthday
- March 9<sup>th</sup>: Dress-Up Like a Character Day

## PRIZES TO BE WON

### 1. Student Participation Prizes

- Turn in **Sponsorship Form** (with a minimum of one sponsor) to receive a prize and be entered in raffles which take place during the Read-a-thon
- Turn in **Minute Recording Sheet** and meet reading goal to receive another prize

### 2. Book Fair Bucks

- Earn \$1 **Book Fair Buck** for each \$25 in paid sponsors. The Book Fair will be held April 4-6<sup>th</sup> and students will use it then.
- Attend the DEAR Night and earn another **Book Fair Buck** AND double reading minutes.

### 3. T-Shirt Day

- Pass for T-Shirt Day for turning in \$50 or more in paid pledges by Feb 24<sup>th</sup>
- Another T-Shirt Day for each student meeting the family goal of \$125

### 4. Classroom Prizes: Ice cream sundae and movie party for each class who:

- Has 100% participation (all students have at least one sponsorship and turn in their **Minute Recording Sheets**)
- Reaches their class reading goal and class fundraising goal

| <b>Classroom Goals</b>       | <b>TK</b> | <b>Kinder</b> | <b>1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup></b> | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>School</b> |
|------------------------------|-----------|---------------|--------------------------------------|--|---------------|
| <b>Total Reading Minutes</b> | 3,000     | 4,500         | 10,000                               | 12,500                                 | 100,000       |
| <b>Total Fundraising</b>     | \$900     | \$1,300       | \$1,500                              | \$1,800                                | \$15,000      |

## HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

**HELP YOUR CHILD TO OBTAIN SPONSORS!** Encourage your child to ask relatives, close friends, or parishioners to support our school. For safety reasons, your child should be accompanied by a parent or guardian when visiting neighbors. All donations need to be turned in via the Wednesday Collection Envelope (WCE) or in-person to the Fundraising or School Office. This is a school-wide event; it is very important that all children have at least one sponsorship.

**READ DAILY WITH YOUR CHILD.** Discuss the books read with your children and ask them questions about what they are reading. If your child does not understand a word or know how to pronounce it correctly, encourage him/her to look it up in the dictionary. Students too young to read may count minutes read to them as reading minutes; encourage older students to read to you.

Attend the DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) Family Reading Night

## SCHEDULE

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| <b>Feb 24</b>               | <b>Sponsorship Form</b> due  |
| <b>Feb 24 – Mar 9</b>       | Read-A-Thon - Log books and reading minutes daily on the <b>Minute Recording Sheet</b> |
| <b>Feb. 28<sup>th</sup></b> | Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) Family Reading Night                                   |
| <b>Mar 3<sup>rd</sup></b>   | <b>Minute Recording Sheet Week #1</b> due  |
| <b>Mar 10<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Minute Recording Sheet Week #2</b> due  |
| <b>Mar 20<sup>th</sup></b>  | Sponsor money due  |
| <b>Mar 29<sup>th</sup></b>  | Prizes awarded   |

See <http://stpatrickschool.org/read-a-thon.html> more information