

# Saint Patrick School Read-a-Thon 2018

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



## **Student Expectations**

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

**Obtain one or more sponsors**

**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 23<sup>rd</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 will be asked to make a flat pledge in support of the student's reading minute goal. **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. 27<sup>th</sup>: Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) Family Reading Night
- March 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dr. Seuss' Birthday
- March 8<sup>th</sup>: Dress-Up Like a Character Day
- Lunch time reading circles
- Mar 19 – Mar 22: Bookfair

## PRIZES TO BE WON

### 1. Spin on the Prize Wheel

- Top student per grade with most minutes each week receives one spin on the Prize Wheel
- Turn in **Sponsorship Form** (with a minimum of one paid sponsor) to receive one spin on the Prize Wheel; 2<sup>nd</sup> spin for turning in \$62.50 or more in paid pledges; 3<sup>rd</sup> spin for meeting the family goal of \$125.

### 2. Book Fair Bucks

- Earn \$1 **Book Fair Buck** for each \$25 in paid sponsors to be used at the Book Fair
- 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 \$62.50 or more in paid pledges by Feb 23<sup>rd</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 turn in their **Minute Recording Sheets** and have at least one sponsorship)
- Reaches their class reading goal and class fundraising goal (based on class size)

Classroom Goals	TK	Kinder	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	School
Total Reading Minutes	2,600	5,200	11,400	9,300	10,100	12,300	12,300	10,200	10,600	13,600	95,000
Total Fundraising	\$600	\$1,200	\$1,450	\$1,050	\$1,250	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,450	\$1,300	\$1,500	\$13,000

## 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

Feb 23	<b>Sponsorship Form</b> due
Feb 23 – Mar 8	Read-A-Thon - Log books and reading minutes daily on the <b>Minute Recording Sheet</b>
Feb 27	Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) Family Reading Night
Mar 2	<b>Minute Recording Sheet Week #1</b> due
Mar 8	Dress-Up Like a Character Day
Mar 9	<b>Minute Recording Sheet Week #2</b> due
Mar 15	Sponsor money due
Mar 19 – Mar 22	Bookfair
Mar 28	Prizes awarded

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