

# Saint Patrick School

# STORY-A-THON

Dear Parents:

Join us in the Joy of Storytelling. This exciting event is designed to promote literacy and a passion for reading and writing stories 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 that literacy is the key to life-long success. As Pope Francis guides us:

*In order not to get lost, we must make the truth of good stories. Stories that build up and help us find our roots and the strength to move forward together.*

*Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the 54th World Communications Day*

Olga C. Islas, Principal



## Student Expectations

**Read/Write stories and log minutes daily over 14 days**

**Obtain one or more sponsors - Goal of \$150/family (95% Profit)**

## HOW DOES THE EVENT WORK?

1. Students received a **Story-A-Thon Packet** and pledge form in their classes this week. They have until Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> to collect pledges before the Story-A-Thon. All students need to have at least one sponsor and each family to raise a minimum \$150. 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 \$10 pledge to meet the participation criteria.
2. Sponsors will be asked to make a flat pledge in support of the student's reading and/or writing minute goal. **Pre-paid pledges are recommended.** Minimum daily 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 Story-A-Thon, teachers will assign each student a **Minute Recording Sheet** which is used to log each student's daily reading and/or writing. This form must be initialed each day by both the parent and the student's teacher during the entire 14-days of the Story-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 Story-A-Thon to collect any remaining pledges.

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 Minutes	2,000	4,500	9,100	10,200	9,600	11,700	11,700	11,300	11,300	9,600	91,000
Total Fundraising	\$700	\$900	\$1,200	\$1,600	\$1,300	\$2,000	\$1,800	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$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 or write stories.
- Visit the St. Patrick School library during the Story-a-thon over lunchtime (12:15PM – 1:00PM) and read a story to our students in your native language. No experience is necessary and books will be provided.
- Attend the DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) Family Reading Night

## PRIZES TO BE WON

1. **Collectible “Brag Tags”**
  - Reading – meet minutes goal and/or classroom goal
  - Writing – digital story, newsletter article, etc.
  - Events - DEAR Night, Character Dress-up, Storytelling, etc.
  - Fundraising - for each \$75 in paid pledges
2. **Free Dress Pass**
  - Earn one Pass for raising \$75 by Feb 21st
  - Earn 2nd Pass for meeting \$150 family goal
3. **Kick-Off Raffle:** students who turn in \$75 in pledges before the Kick-Off will be entered in this raffle
4. **Book Fair Bucks (TK-5th):** earn \$1 BFB for each \$25 in pledges
5. **Raffle (6th-8th):** 3 sets of headphones raffled off to students who meet the \$150 goal/family and minutes goal
6. **Classroom Prizes:** Fruit parfait and movie party for each class who:
  - Has 100% participation (all students turn in Minute Recording Sheets and are sponsored)
  - Reaches their class minutes goal and class fundraising goal (based on class size)

## SCHEDULE & SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

- **Feb 21** *Sponsorship Form* due
- **Feb 21 – Mar 5** Story-A-Thon - Log minutes daily on the *Minute Recording Sheet*.
- **Mar 1** *Minute Recording Sheet Week #1* due
- **Mar 4** Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) Family Reading Night
- **Mar 5** Dress-Up Like a Character Day
- **Mar 6** *Minute Recording Sheet Week #2* due
- **Mar 19** Last day to turn in pledge money
- **Mar 26** Prizes awarded
- **Mar 30 – Apr 2** Book Fair

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