



SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Please join us for the annual St. Charles School Marathon:

Saturday, October 7, 2017

9:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Meet at St. Charles School for a morning of fun and fellowship!

MARATHON GOAL

- The St. Charles Marathon is the most important school fundraising event of the year.
- All donations raised through the marathon go directly to our school to support many programs and are an important part of our operating budget.
- This year our overall school fundraising goal has been set at \$43,000.
- We are asking that each student meet a minimum fundraising goal of \$185.
- The Marathon is also a school community-building event and helps raise awareness of non-public education.

FUNDRAISING

- All students in Preschool through 8th grade are invited to participate in the Marathon!
- Each student in Kindergarten through 8th grade is asked to meet a minimum fundraising goal of \$185 to help us meet our school goal of \$43,000. Students may ask people to sponsor them for participating in the Marathon, or families may choose to make the fair share payment of \$185 per student.
- Matching Funds Programs are offered for educational institutions by many companies. They can be a *huge* help in reaching our goal. Please check with your employer about any matching fund programs that may be offered. A list of some companies that offer matching funds is available on our website under Giving Opportunities.
- You can also find sponsors to support our school by reaching out to relatives, neighbors, friends, co-workers, and anyone you can think of that will support our mission.
- Attached is a letter you can send to friends and family members to help meet your goal. Students should write a personal message to their loved one. The loved one can return their information and check, while keeping their letter and tax deductible receipt.

- Sponsor sheets, tax deductible receipts, and an envelope will be given to each student. Families may combine collections and sponsor sheets, just indicate on the envelope how the collections are to be allocated between students.

PRIZES & INCENTIVES!

In addition to supporting our school through fundraising, students have an opportunity to earn prizes based on the amount of funds they raise.

New this year: hundreds of PRIZES will be given away weekly for any student who brings in the recommended \$185 or more. Plus, there are additional Grand Prizes given away at the end of the collection period, including items like a mini-iPad! Here's how the incentives work:

1. All students who meet their goal of \$185 will receive an Out-of-Uniform Pass and their name entered in the weekly drawings for a variety of PRIZES. The drawings will be held every Friday during the collection period. Students must turn in their total donations on one of the collection Tuesdays (Sept. 19, Sept. 26, Oct. 3, Oct. 10, and Oct. 13).
2. There are also Grand Prizes that will be randomly selected on October 17, including items like a mini iPad, Beats headphones, Drone, bowling party gift certificate, Big Thrill Factory tickets, and much more. All students who bring in \$185 or more will have their name entered in the drawing. Those who bring in \$300 or more will have their name entered 3 times, and those who bring in \$500 or more will have their name entered 5 times into the drawing for the Grand Prizes.
3. The TOP student fundraisers in three grade-level brackets (K-2, 3-5, 6-8) will also receive a LIMO ride and pizza lunch with Father Przybilla and Mr. Kieffer!
4. Grade levels will have a goal based on the number of students per grade. If a grade reaches their goal, they can choose 45 minutes of open gym or extra recess.
5. The entire school will be awarded a Spirit Wear day after \$15,000 is raised. When \$30,000 is raised the school will be awarded an Out-of-Uniform day. When the \$43,000 goal is met the school will be awarded with a "special guest" for an afternoon of fun.

TURNING IN DONATIONS

- Please turn in your official Marathon Envelope with completed Sponsor Log and collected money on ANY Tuesday during the collection period: **Sept. 19, Sept. 26, Oct. 3, Oct. 10, and Oct. 13**. We strongly encourage turning in your collected donations ASAP to be entered into weekly drawings for prizes.
- Collected funds MUST be turned in no later than **Friday, October 13**. This is the final deadline to be eligible for prizes. Marathon envelopes may be turned in anytime, however, no additional incentives will be given for envelopes returned after October 13.

MARATHON DAY INFORMATION — Let the fun begin!

- Please arrive at 9:30 AM to register. This will enable your child to be entered into the drawings for a brand new bike and Spirit Wear items. All students can participate in these drawings!

- The bikes have been graciously donated by CARS Bike Shop and St. Charles School. The winning students will receive a voucher to take to CARS Bike Shop and will be fitted for a bike in the same line as the ones on display.
- For a map of the Marathon route, please go to our website: <http://stchbschool.org>
- Please remember: NO BIKES, INLINE SKATES, SKATEBOARDS, or RIPSTICKS ALLOWED (Strollers and wagons are acceptable for younger children). Be a good neighbor - STAY ON THE SIDEWALKS or to the side of the road.
- The lower school parking will be open until 10:00 AM. You may only access the parking lot from Stinson Blvd. The lot will be closed from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM for the safety of the walkers. Please plan to park accordingly.

9:30 - 10:00AM	Registration begins - enter your name in the drawings for bikes and Spirit Wear! Must enter before 10 AM to be eligible.
10:00AM	Opening prayer - gather on the front lawn of the school
10:00 - 11:00AM	Walking portion of the Marathon - see map below
11:00 - Noon	Hot dog lunch and ice cream treat - front lawn of the school
11:45AM	Concluding rally - drawings for the bikes and Spirit Wear
Noon	Closing prayer
4:00PM	All are invited to come back for the St. Charles Parish Fall Festival — dinner, games and a band on the front lawn!

MARATHON DAY SCHEDULE — Rain or Shine!

All families are encouraged to participate — Preschool through 8th grade! This is a FUN day! Remember to wear your Spirit Wear or anything GREEN to show your Charger Pride!

THANK YOU!

The St. Charles Home & School Council would like to thank all students and families for their generous contributions to the St. Charles Marathon. This is an important event for our school and it would not be possible without your support.

We would also like to thank our generous donors who have generously supported this event with prizes, food, and supplies. If you would like to get involved or know an organization or company who would help donate toward the Marathon, please connect with the Marathon Chairs: Angie Johnson (ajohnson910@gmail.com) or Carey Thuente (cgthuente@msn.com).