

# St. Dominic School Marathon for Education Frequently Asked Questions

**Our school goal is to raise \$35,000 by Friday, October 13th - 2023!**

## **What is the Marathon for Education?**

The Marathon for Education is a Catholic School tradition, and it is one of SDS's largest fundraisers. All proceeds from the fundraiser go back into the school for educational enhancements. We celebrate the end of the fundraiser on Friday, October 13th. Our school goal this year is to raise \$35,000 through students, staff, alumni and community members!

All school families are invited to gather as a community to participate in the walk, enjoy lunch outside (provided free of charge by the Knights of Columbus), and outdoor music and camaraderie. The Scholastic fall book fair will also be hosted in the gymnasium!

## **Marathon Schedule on Friday, October 13th:**

8:15 AM - School Starts & Final Envelopes Turned in and Money Counted

9:30 AM - All School Mass at Church of St. Dominic (all are invited)

10:45 AM - Marathon Results & Kickoff (main entrance front lawn)

12 PM - Free Lunch Provided for all by the Knights of Columbus & Book Fair

1 PM - Early Dismissal

- 1 - 2:30 PM - Early Saint Watch
- 2:30 - 5:30 PM - Normal Saint Watch

## **How far do we walk, run or jog?**

Does that mean that I/my child(ren) need to run/walk 26 miles? Absolutely not! Feel free to bring a stroller, wagon, or a dog on a leash so the entire family can enjoy this fall morning! Plan on wearing your SDS gear to show your school spirit! We will also have Marathon shirts for our students to wear. There will be a marked route to follow (all on the campus of SDS), and you are welcome to walk as many laps as you would like! Each grade will be given a number of laps to complete.

## **How can you help?**

We are in need of money counters on Friday, September 15th, 29th and October 13th and help on Friday, October 13th, the day of the event. Please contact Claudia Bauer if you are able to volunteer [claudiabauer@schoolofstdominic.org](mailto:claudiabauer@schoolofstdominic.org).

## **What are the Marathon pledge requirements this year?**

Just like last year, the Marathon is a required fundraising event for each student. Below is the fundraising breakdown:

- Families with 1 full-time or part-time student: \$225
- Families with 2 students: \$350
- Families with 3+ students: \$400

Our school goal this year is to raise \$35,000 and with everyone's participation we can achieve this goal! If you'd prefer to use our buyout option, please write a check made payable to St. Dominic School for the amount listed above for your family.

### **What are some of the creative ways I can ask my friends and family for pledges to SDS?**

- Inform your friend/family member that their pledge is so important to the functionality of our amazing school! Here are some ways the money raised will be spent this school year: classroom materials, tools and resources; technology for the students' physical education equipment; materials for our specialist team.
- Commit to walking a certain distance of the marked course at the Marathon event. Ask your friend or family member to support you by donating \$0.50, \$1, \$2, or \$3 or more per lap you walk!
- Ask five friends to pledge \$5. Then, ask five family members to pledge \$5. Then ask 5 neighbors to pledge \$5. Then ask five of your parents' coworkers to pledge \$5. Before you know it you will hit your goal!
- With permission of your mom or dad's employer or establishment, decorate and set up a "spare change" donation jar. Every penny helps!
- Check with your mom and dad's employer to see if they have a matching gift program! See below for more details.
- Each family will be sent a personalized link through Fundly so you can raise money online! We will have these emails sent to you by Friday, September 8th. This way, we can track funds raised by each individual family.

### **How do company matches work?**

Please check with the HR Department at your employer to see if they are willing and able to match a donation. This is a TREMENDOUS help to us meeting our Marathon goal. Many are unaware if they have this opportunity with their employer. Please indicate on your pledge sheet if you have a Company Match Donation. Please also provide any details you have about the pledge before you turn in your envelope. Just in case you need it, our Federal Tax ID is: 41-0711501.

### **When and how do I turn in my pledge collection?**

A Marathon collection envelope was distributed to each family. Within each packet is a marathon pledge sheet for each student. When turning in your pledges, please make sure that each pledge is entered on your pledge sheet for each cash and check amount you have. You will have one envelope per family, however you will have multiple pledge sheets included in your envelope for each child.

**There are three designated turn-in dates: September 15 & 29th and October 13th!**

### **Online donations through Fundly!**

Each family will be sent a personalized link through Fundly so you can raise money online! We will have these emails sent to you by Friday, September 8th. This way, we can track funds raised by each individual family (you DO NOT need to add this information to your pledge sheets - we will add it to your family total). Utilize our Fundly platform and send emails to your family members, friends and your parents coworkers with a link to your family's specific Fundly page! Use social media to tell a great story or experience you have had at SDS and show people how great our school is and what their pledge will be used for! Don't forget to tag us in your social media posts!

# MARATHON INCENTIVES!

## Are there incentives for students?

Yes! Again this year we have three incentives for each of the turn in dates to motivate students to hit their goal:

- If your family brings in \$50 or more of donations on Friday, September 15th your child will receive: **FREE Ice Cream Cone Coupon to The Blast!**
- If your family brings in \$50 or more in NEW donations on Friday, September 29th, your child will receive: **A FREE SDS Drawstring bag.**
- If the school reaches our goal by Friday, October 13th, everyone will earn: **A pizza party with Mrs. Dudley on Friday, October 27th!**

## BONUS Incentives!

- **Top Ten Students is BACK:** The students who finish in the top 10 with most money raised will get to pie a teacher or staff member of their choice in the face (on the pizza party day).
- **K - 8 Class Competition:** The class (K-8) to finish with the highest per student money average will receive an exclusive field trip to Flaherty's Lanes for an afternoon of bowling fun! (we will total the money received by each class and divide it by the number of students in that class)
- **Preschool & PreKindergarten Competition:** Our preschool and prekindergarten classes will also compete for the highest per student money average. The class to finish with the highest student average will receive an ice cream and movie party! (we will total the money received by each class and divide it by the number of students in that class)

## NEW Incentives!

**For every \$50 above your family fundraising goal you raise you will receive one entry into a drawing for a \$250 VISA Gift Card. Two winners will be drawn on Marathon Day!**

**If your family finishes in the top ten in most money raised (see current standings on page below) your family will be invited to an exclusive kickball game on the SDS Field! The captains will be Fr. Louie Floeder vs. Principal Shawn Dudley. Floeder vs. Dudley in a showdown! Following the game we will have root beer floats to celebrate your accomplishment!**