



October 11, 2024



Dear St. Luke Families,

The time has come for our first major fundraiser of the year – the St. Luke School Walk-a-Thon. This year's Walk-a-Thon takes place on Friday, October 11th.

To ensure the success of the Walk-a-Thon, all students are asked to collect pledges, with the expectation that each student raises at least \$200 in pledges from family, friends, and neighbors. For their hard work, students will be awarded out-of-uniform passes and other prizes. We strongly encourage that all donations be made online, but cash and/or checks will be accepted when accompanied with a WAT pledge sheet. All pledges are due Tuesday, October 8th.

The Walk-a-Thon will begin around 8:30 am and should conclude by 11:00 am. All students will be dismissed at 11:30 am. Please note that lunch will not be served and there will be no afternoon EDS that day. Students should wear comfortable shoes and their Walk-a-Thon t-shirts, which they will receive the day before the event.

Our fundraising goal for this year's Walk-a-Thon is \$70,000. The tuition our families pay covers only 84% of the cost to educate one St. Luke student. The difference is paid by those who generously support our fundraising efforts. In order to maintain the exceptional quality of education that St. Luke School provides, the annual success of the Walk-a-Thon and our other fundraisers is imperative.

Volunteers are needed. In order to make this fundraiser a success we need your help, enthusiasm, and energy, along with lots of school spirit. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities for parents so everyone can get involved. The volunteer sign up form will be shared in the September 19th Weekly Bulletin.

We count on the support of each and every school family as we strive to make this year's event even more successful than the last.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Luke School!

Sincerely,

The 2024 Walk-a-Thon Committee

Prizes

Each student's goal is to collect at least \$200 in pledges. Students who reach their goal will receive official Bearcat Socks.

Students can also earn out of uniform passes and raffle tickets for great prizes:

Pledges Raised	Number of Raffle Tickets	Number of Out of Uniform Passes
\$500 +	5	5
\$300	4	3
\$200	3	1
\$100	2	0
\$50	1	0

- The raffle drawing will take place at the Walk-a-Thon prize assembly. Raffle prizes include gift certificates for Starbucks, Brown Cow, Panera, and more.
- The classroom with the highest participation will be rewarded with a pizza party.
- Out of Uniform passes can be used between **October 28th – November 7th**
- The top 10 earners will win a chance to dunk Mr. DiMarco and Mrs. Coduti in a dunk tank at the Walk-a-Thon prize assembly in October!

Our fundraising goal for this year's Walk-a-Thon is \$70,000, with an Olympic "Going for Gold" goal of \$110,000!

Bronze - \$70,000

Silver - \$90,000 - Partially complete Phase 2 of classroom upgrades, which includes new desks, tables and learning spaces.

Gold - \$110,000 - Fully complete Phase 2 of classroom upgrades, which includes new desks, tables and learning spaces.



Online Giving

Online giving makes it easy to reach out to friends and family, especially those who are far away. Here's how to create your family donation page:

- Go to the Walk-a-Thon event page using this link: <https://bit.ly/SLSWAT2024>
- When you get to the event page, click on 'Personal Fundraiser Page' in the top left corner. On the next page, use the 'Click Here to Join' link. If you used online giving last year, you don't have to create a new account. Your user name should be your family email address. If you forgot your username or password please use the prompts to recover/reset. If you don't have an account, click 'Create a New Account' and follow the prompts.
- This short video will also provide you with help on how to log in, create a new account and set up your personal fundraising page:
<https://greatergiving.wistia.com/medias/lhnenth5ra>

Once you have activated your page you can:

- Update your goal (this should be \$200 per student, not per family)
- Add a picture and a special message (optional)
- Use the links to share the page on social media
- Send emails to friends and family using the email template

For prize distribution purposes, all donations will be divided evenly between your family's students unless you notify us otherwise.

If you have any questions or experience any technical difficulties, please contact Sheila Price at sprice@stlstbparish.org or 708-435-8927.

Let's Go For Gold, Bearcats! We can do this!

Student Name _____ **Grade** _____

2024 St. Luke School Walk-a-Thon

Thank you for your support! Your generous donation will be used by St. Luke School to continue to enhance my education. Please make your check payable to St. Luke School with Walk-a-Thon in the memo line.

We are grateful to all of our sponsors for their generous support!

Pledge sheets and pledge money are due Tuesday, **October 8, 2024**.
Online donations are strongly encouraged.

