



ST. LUKE SCHOOL

October 7, 2022



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 7.**

To ensure the success of the Walk-a-Thon, all students are asked to collect pledges, with the expectation that each student can raise at least \$200 in pledges from family, friends, and neighbors. For their hard work, students will be given 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 4.

The Walk-a-Thon will begin around 8:30 am and should conclude by 11:00 am. **All students will dismiss 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. Students should also bring a water bottle.

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 Weekly Bulletin soon.

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,

Sheila Price
Director of Stewardship & Development

Prizes

Each student's goal is to collect at least \$200 in pledges. Students who reach their goal will receive an official St. Luke School drawstring backpack.

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

Pledges Raised	Number of Raffle Tickets	Number of Out of Uniform Days
\$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 wrap-up celebration. 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 November 2nd - 11th

The top 10 earners will also win a special St. Luke Walk-a-Thon Prize!

Our fundraising goal for this year's Walk-a-Thon is \$60,000, with a stretch goal of \$101,000!

As we continue to honor our school's 100th anniversary and now our 101st school year, we have set a stretch goal of \$101,000 which will allow us to create an outdoor classroom and a new playset in the backyard of the Hospitality House. The outdoor classroom will be used by all St. Luke students and the new playset would be used by our early childhood and elementary students.

If we are unable to reach our stretch goal, all funds raised over the \$60,000 goal will be placed in an outdoor classroom fund until we have enough to move forward with the project. The playground and outdoor classroom project cannot happen until all funds are raised.



Work has begun on the outdoor classroom with leveling the ground and a portion of the concrete poured.



Current Playset



New Playset

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

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 by clicking the link here, <https://slsru.ejoinme.org/2022wat> then follow the instructions.
- 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 link to a 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 Facebook and Twitter
- Send emails to friends and family using the email template

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

Here is a sample of a family fundraising page:

Personal Fundraising Page for Sheila Price
Click here to donate

Sheila Price is raising money for 2022 St. Luke School Walk-a-Thon



Go far: \$0 Goal: \$200

Donate Now

Share



Join me in raising money for my school! The tuition that my family pays only covers 84% of the cost to educate me at St. Luke. I am helping to fill the tuition gap by participating in the 25th Annual St. Luke School Walk-a-Thon fundraiser, which will be held this year on **October 7**. The Walk-a-Thon is a fun event that involves students of all ages. The students walk 6 miles through River Forest with their classmates to raise money for tuition. The success of the fundraiser is based on students collecting pledges from family and friends who sponsor them. We are also fortunate to have the generous support of community businesses who also contribute to the success of the event.

I hope you can help by sponsoring me.

Thank you in advance for your support!





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

Student Name _____ **Grade** _____

2022 St. Luke School Walk-a-Thon

Thank you for your support of my school. 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.

Name	Address	Amount Donated	Total Collected
	Total	\$	\$



We are grateful to all of our sponsors, families and local businesses for their generous support!

Pledge sheets and pledge money are due Tuesday, **October 4, 2022**. Online donations are welcome.

Thank you for your support!