



# JI Marathon: Let Your Light Shine!

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**We are a Catholic community welcoming students of all faiths, devoted to Gospel Values, Academic Excellence and Christian Service.**

We will begin our day by gathering at 10:00 AM Mass. This is a great opportunity to celebrate with the whole parish. The school choir will sing, and we encourage all JI families to wear their JI gear or green. After Mass, we will bike or walk to get a little exercise and have a little fun as a school community. Then, we will meet back at the Social Hall for lunch provided by the second grade families and the Knights of Columbus around 12:15 PM. Service projects will be completed throughout the months of October and November depending on your service project.

Since 1974 the Knights of Columbus have sponsored the Marathon for Non Public Education. For John Ireland this has been our "Marathon". The Knights of Columbus graciously invite Catholic Schools to solicit donations to support our school. In our community, we are fortunate to have a supportive and engaged Knights of Columbus council that helps out and provides us with lunch for our Marathon. Our second grade parents are also assisting us in coordinating this wonderful event. With so much support, we will be ready to go for another successful year!

## When is the Marathon?

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Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> is the day!

## Who participates in the Marathon?

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The Marathon is a family event! JI Families are expected to participate in our fundraising efforts in order to meet their fundraising commitment. All Little Angels families are welcome to participate, but you do not need to fundraise (unless you want to). We are excited that you will all be with us on this FUN community building event!

## How does this raise money?

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Students collect cash donations for a couple weeks from friends, family members, neighbors, etc. These are flat donations (ex. not per mile). Students are asked to get the money up front when the donation is made. Checks should be made payable to "John Ireland School". Money is turned in each Marathon Monday starting Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>..

Parents are also asked to check with their employers about Matching Grants/Gifts. Many employers offer opportunities to double your donations. Let us know if we can help you with this.

You might consider emailing, calling or writing letters, too! It is amazing the support you can receive when you just ask.

# Where does the money go?

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This year our goal is \$10,000! Funds raised by the Marathon go to meet our general budget. It is through our fundraising efforts that we are able to keep tuition costs at a reasonable level with no or minimal increases each year. So, in turn it goes to support your child's education! To give them a top notch educational opportunity, have special classes, and grow in their faith daily.

# What are Marathon Mondays?

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Each Monday we will be celebrating Marathon Mondays! What does this mean? This means that students are encouraged to wear their SPIRIT shirt, JI gear or green on these days AND bring in donations collected thus far. We will only be counting this money on Mondays and updating our goals, prizes, etc on this day. We hope by making one day each week focus on the Marathon; we can encourage students to work hard to support John Ireland Catholic School!

# What paperwork do I have?

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- Permission forms (yellow paper) must be turned in as soon as possible. This will help us get a firm count on who will be joining us for the day so that we can accurately plan.
- Please watch for a google form about Service Projects. You will need to select one project to complete as a family.
- Enclosed in this folder are some envelopes to use for Marathon Monday to send donations to the school. This will help ensure your family gets credit for Marathon and your fundraising obligation. If you need more envelopes, please contact the school office.

# Family Permission Slip

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**Please return by Monday, October 1st**

### WAIVER

In consideration of the purposes and objectives of the MINNESOTA MARATHON for NONPUBLIC EDUCATION and in correspondence of your permitting me to participate in the MINNESOTA MARATHON for NONPUBLIC EDUCATION on behalf of myself, heirs and representatives, I waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages whatsoever they may be, especially against the MINNESOTA MARATHON for NONPUBLIC EDUCATION, its officers and committee members, any governmental unit as well as any other person connected with the MARATHON, for any and all injuries arising out of the MARATHON. Participants under the age of 18 must have this application signed by parent or guardian.

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Signature of Parent or Guardian      Date

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### ATTENDANCE

☐ Our family **WILL** be attending the Marathon on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

We will have \_\_\_\_\_ people in our family attending. (This will help with food prep.)

We will have:    \_\_\_\_\_ adults biking      \_\_\_\_\_ children biking  
                         \_\_\_\_\_ adults walking      \_\_\_\_\_ children biking

(We are looking for a rough idea of how many in each category. This will help us prepare for events. You can change your mind before or even on the day of the event.)

☐ Our family will be **UNABLE** to attend the Marathon.

# MOTIVATIONAL INCENTIVES

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## WHOLE SCHOOL

Goal #1: \$500	Mixed Up Lunch
Goal #2: \$1000	Crazy Hair and Hat
Goal #3: \$2500	Special Treat
Goal #4: \$4000	Mixed Up Morning
Goal #5: \$6000	PJ Day
Goal #6: \$8000	Movie and Popcorn
Final Goal: \$10,000	Special Pizza Party

## FAMILY

For every \$10 you bring in, you get your name in a drawing for gift cards and treats.

## CLASS

Each class with 100% participation (\$25 or more per student) will receive extra recess.

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*Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.*

Matthew 5:16

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# Mark Your Calendars, Please Don't Forget!

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Monday, September 24

## Marathon Kick Off Rally

Students will bring home their Marathon Information.

Monday, October 1

## Marathon Monday

Students bring in all donations collected thus far.

Students wear GREEN shirt or JI clothing school.

Please Return Family Permission Form.

Sunday, October 7

Marathon Day - 10:00 Mass, 11:20 Bike or Walk,  
12:20 Lunch

Tuesday, October 9

## Marathon "Monday"

Students bring in all donations collected thus far.

Students wear SPIRIT shirt or JI clothing to school.

Monday, October 15

## Marathon Monday

Students bring in all donations collected thus far.

Students wear SPIRIT shirt or JI clothing to school.

Wednesday, October 17

## FINAL Marathon Collection Day

FINAL DAY - Students bring in all donations.

**Don't forget to THANK your donors!**

*Appreciation is the highest form of prayer, for it acknowledges the presence of good  
wherever you shine the light of your thankful thoughts.*