



The Bishop Chatard Walk-a-thon has returned for the 2017-2018 school year. Students are excited, and we hope this event will be successful. The Bishop Chatard Walk-a-thon is a two-mile walk with BCHS students, faculty, support staff and parent volunteers. The walk takes place during the school day on April 27. The day begins with our talent show, and from there we begin our Walk-a-thon. The day ends with Freshman through Senior "Powder Puff" football games.

When I spoke to our students about the return of Walk-a-thon, I told them that we had three goals in mind:

1. To raise money for a good cause.
2. To have a day that gives our students, teachers and support staff a break for the normal everyday grind.
3. To promote school spirit!

I am confident we can accomplish all three goals.

This year every dollar raised for Walk-a-thon will go toward establishing the Trojan Activity Fund. The purpose of the Trojan Activity Fund is to provide club, co-curricular and extracurricular activities at Bishop Chatard High School with "seed money." Clubs, co-curricular and extracurricular activities can apply for specific "grants" from the Trojan Activity Fund for activities, projects and/or new initiatives central to their purpose. Furthermore, members of the Bishop Chatard community can apply for "grants" from the Trojan Activity Fund to establish new clubs, co-curricular and extracurricular activities.

Students are being asked to secure a minimum donation of \$10 prior to the Walk-a-thon date. We ask that students collect donations from relatives, neighbors, friends, business owners and others in their local community. Added incentives will be rewarded to students that go above the minimum "Trojan Team Player" level. Students will turn in their money in the designated envelopes in the cafeteria during all lunch periods during the week of April 23 through the 26.

#### **Individual Student Rate**

**\$10.00** = Trojan Team Player: Complimentary ice cream during lunch on Monday, April 30.

**\$25.00** = Trojan All-Star: Complimentary ice cream during lunch on Monday, April 30, as well as an out-of-uniform day on Monday, April 30, and Tuesday, May 1.

**\$40.00** = Trojan MVP: Complimentary ice cream during lunch on Monday, April 30, as well as an out-of-uniform day for the entire week of April 30 through May 4.

#### **Special Family Rates (These rates apply to families of three or more).**

**\$20.00** = Trojan Team Player: Complimentary ice cream during lunch on Monday, April 30.

**\$50.00** = Trojan All-Star: Complimentary ice cream during lunch on Monday, April 30, as well as an out-of-uniform day on Monday, April 30, and Tuesday, May 1.

**\$80.00 = Trojan MVP:** Complimentary ice cream during lunch on Monday, April 30, as well as an out-of-uniform day for the entire week of April 30 through May 4.

Our goal is to get 100% of our students to participate in the Bishop Chatard Walk-a-thon. It's a fun day, and all of the donations support the creation of clubs that will connect kids, and combat isolation. We think it is reasonable for students to at least participate at the \$10.00 Trojan Team Player level. If a student does not participate at the Trojan Team Player level he/she will participate in a "Thank-a-Thon" (letter writing campaign thanking some of the significant donors to Bishop Chatard during the 2017-2018 school year) during the walk portion of Walk-a-thon.

A complimentary lunch will be served on the day of the Bishop Chatard Walk-a-thon. Hamburgers, chips and fruit will be served for lunch. Bottled water and light snacks will be available during the Walk-a-thon portion of the day.

Dismissal will be at 1 p.m. after all students have returned from the walk; however, we anticipate numerous students staying behind to watch the Powder Puff football games. Snacks and goodies along with music and surprises are available to the participants in the BCHS stadium, where the walk concludes.

Student should wear comfortable, athletic clothing and some type of BCHS Shirt. Student Council members are encouraging a BCHS white out!

As an added incentive if the entire student body raises over \$17,000, Vice President for Institutional Advancement Tyler Mayer will sleep on the roof at Bishop Chatard High School on the night of May 3! Years ago I slept on the roof at St. Roch Catholic School after our school of 300 raised over \$20,000. Please check out this story in the Indianapolis Star:

<https://www.wthr.com/article/indianapolis-principal-sleeps-on-roof-after-losing-bet>

It is definitely within reason that Bishop Chatard can raise \$17,000!

Thanks in advance for your continued support of our school.

God bless you always,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joe Hansen".

Joe Hansen, Principal  
Bishop Chatard High School