



# ST. RITA SCHOOL MARATHON 2023



## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

**Q: WHAT IS MARATHON?**

**A:** Marathon is the school's main student-based fundraising event, held at St. Rita School \*New Location this year!\* Prior to Marathon, students gather pledges from family, friends, and neighbors. On Marathon Day itself, students and their families walk laps around a course at school. The number of times students walk around the course depends upon grade level (Pre-K walk once, Grades K-2 walk two laps, Grade 3 & 4 four laps, and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade walk six times). This is a wonderful community building event, a splendid display of school pride, and a great way to meet other St. Rita School families.

**Q: WHEN IS MARATHON?**

**A:** Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM to 12 noon. Families are suggested to begin walking anytime between 8AM and 10 AM. Join the school community for hotdogs and snacks after your walk.

**Q: WHAT IF WE CAN'T PARTICIPATE ON SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>?**

**A:** If you are unable to walk on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, your child may still participate by collecting pledges and/or walking at a more convenient time, in any location of your choice. Be sure to turn in your pledge sheet and money by October 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Q: HOW DO WE COLLECT FUNDS?**

**A:** Money is collected in 3 ways. The preferred option is by credit card using our secure online site: <https://www.srswebster.org/>. This is a great way to allow friends and family out of town help support our school. NOTE: please be sure to note the student's name that the donation is for. Students can also turn into the School Office cash or checks (made out to St. Rita School) for this fundraiser. Please do not bring any money to Marathon on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Q: HOW ARE FUNDS RAISED BY MARATHON USED?**

**A:** Funds raised are used for technology improvements, field trips, professional shows, social events (including the Family Fall Dance, Winter Fun Day, Blue and Gold Day), and enrichment opportunities such as Passport Club, and our Geography Bee.

**Q: CAN WE WIN PRIZES?**

**A:** ABSOLUTELY!! Not only does Marathon raise money for our school and provide a fun day for students and families...you can earn prizes, too! Remember, your money must be turned in by Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> to qualify for these awards. Details on all the awesome prizes you can earn will be out soon.

**Q: ARE MY SPONSORS' PLEDGES TAX DEDUCTIBLE? CAN SPONSORS ASK IF THEIR EMPLOYERS WILL MATCH THEIR PLEDGE?**

**A:** Yes and Yes! Your sponsors' pledges are indeed tax deductible, and your sponsor can check with their employer for a matching donation program.

**Q: THIS SOUNDS LIKE FUN, HOW CAN I HELP?**

**A:** Marathon takes a great deal of planning and effort and is a LOT of fun! Please contact Missy Whipple ([missywhips@yahoo.com](mailto:missywhips@yahoo.com)) to see what help will be needed that day.

The Committee will gratefully accept donations of prizes or other items for Marathon. If you are able to help in this capacity, please contact Missy Whipple ([missywhips@yahoo.com](mailto:missywhips@yahoo.com)) or the School Office ([sritadcs@dor.org](mailto:sritadcs@dor.org)) .

