

2019 Read-A-Thon Fundraiser



Get your child excited about reading.

Read-A-Thon Fundraising Goal: \$10,900

If every FAMILY raises \$100 we can reach this goal!

If we reach our goal, the Denver Zoo will come to visit our school!

Dear St. Mary Catholic School Families:







We hope you will participate in this *FUN* and *EASY* fundraiser for St. Mary Catholic School. This fundraiser not only helps raise money for our school, it brings a school-wide focus to the importance of reading and literacy.

All students are strongly encouraged to participate in order to make this a fun and profitable fund raiser for the school. Students will set a reading goal with the help of their teachers and parents and will keep track of their reading on the reading log provided.

Families are encouraged to obtain pledges to support and encourage their child's reading from family and neighbors. The Read-A-Thon is from February 4th to February 21st.

Your Read-A-Thon packet contains all the information you need to be successful. Please read through it and help your child make their goals.

Benefits to the Read-A-Thon:

-  100% of the money raised, stays in the school.
-  All donations are tax deductible.
-  100% of the money you raise as a FAMILY is credited to your annual school fundraising obligation.
-  Your children will enjoy reading with you.
-  It's a great way to spend some time as a family.
-  You may learn something new!!

You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child.

– Dr. Seuss

Read-A-Thon Rules:



The Pledge Sheet should be used to track your sponsors and how much they have pledged to donate.



Start recording your minutes on Monday, February 4th!



The Reading Log must be used to keep track of your reading minutes



Parents must sign the Reading Log to assure fairness.



No guessing minutes! – Use the clock or a stopwatch to clock your minutes.



All pledges (money raised) and reading logs must be turned in no later than Monday, February 25th.

Prizes will be awarded for most minutes read in each grade!

Read-A-Thon Raffle: Students who complete the log and have it signed by parents will earn one raffle entry; those who raise money (in any amount) will earn a second entry.

What Minutes Count??

1. Reading before and after school and during recess.
2. Free time reading in the classroom.
3. Other people reading aloud to you.
4. Reading aloud to other people (you can read to a fellow student or sibling and minutes count for BOTH students!)
5. Reading aloud to the cat, dog, or even pet goldfish counts!
6. Reading in a tree, on the bus, in the car, on an airplane, even under the bedcovers with a flashlight counts!
7. Assigned reading for homework and book reports (outside of class-time)
8. Reading comic books, newspapers, and magazines
9. Reading in another language
10. Audio books

Reading that doesn't count:

1. Reading before the official start of the Read-A-Thon
2. Reading after the end of the Read-A-Thon
3. Assigned reading during class time
4. Reading you haven't done but think you will do in the future

Thank you, in advance, for supporting St. Mary Catholic School, its students, and its mission. And thank you for encouraging your children to read to succeed!!

Should you have any questions, please contact one of the parent volunteers listed below via FastDirect.

**Danielle Backer
Emilie Montemayor**

Pledge sheet and money must be returned to your classroom teacher by Monday, February 25th

Two Ways to Ask for Pledges:

1. Per Minute Basis:

To figure this out, take the number of minutes you plan to read each day times the 18 days of the Read-A-Thon

Daily minutes I plan to read a day	Multiplied by 18 days in the read-a-thon challenge	This equals to total minutes read during the fundraiser	Multiply this by the amount pledged per minute	This will give you your total pledge
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EXAMPLE:

My goal is 30 minutes per day	$30 \times 18 = 540$	540 is the total minutes I am going to read for the next 18 days	If I get 10¢ per minute, as a pledge $540 \times .10$	I would collect \$54.00 for this pledge!
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2. Flat Amount:

The individual donated with an amount they are comfortable with, say \$10.00 or \$20.00. **A \$5.00 minimum is suggested.** If you use this approach, you can often collect the money on the spot.

Online Donations: Go to www.stmarycs.net – Click on Payments (at top; don't click submenus there), and then at left, click Online Payments under Links. Read-A-Thon is toward the bottom of the page. *Please make sure that you indicate an online donation on your pledge sheet. We will not know which family it belongs to otherwise.* Print a copy of your receipt and submit to the school office.

Make checks payable to: St. Mary Catholic School

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Reading Log

Student Name: _____

Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

My goal is to read _____ minutes a day!

BEGIN READING ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4th

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Feb 4 Reading time:	Feb 5 Reading time:	Feb 6 Reading time:	Feb 7 Reading time:	Feb 8 Reading time:	Feb 9 Reading time:
Feb 10 Reading time:	Feb 11 Reading time:	Feb 12 Reading time: Author visit!	Feb 13 Reading time:	Feb 14 Reading time:	Feb 15 Reading time:	Feb 16 Reading time:
	Book Swap during lunch recess and after school					
Feb 17 Reading time:	Feb 18 Reading time:	Feb 19 Reading time:	Feb 20 Reading time:	Feb 21 Reading time (last day!):	Feb 22 BOOK LOGS DUE	Feb 23
	Book Swap					
Feb 24	Feb 25 PLEDGE SHEETS and MONEY DUE	Feb 26	Feb 27			

Actual reading time: _____ minutes in 18 days!!

Total amount of money raised: \$_____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____