

# St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School - Marathon for Education

## Frequently Asked Questions!

### What is the Marathon for Education?

The Marathon for Education is a Catholic School tradition and it is SVDP's largest fundraiser. All proceeds from the fundraiser go back into the schools budget. We celebrate the end of the fundraiser on October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Deer Pavilion at Elm Creek Park from 9:00-12:00. All school families are invited to gather as a community to participate in a run/walk/bike, enjoy goodies and refreshments and get to know other SVDP families.

### Marathon? Does that mean that me/my child(ren) need to run 26 miles?

Absolutely not! You can run but you can also walk, bike or do all three. Bring a stroller, wagon, trike and a dog on a leash so the entire family can enjoy this fall morning! Plan on wearing your Royals gear or blue and gold to show your school spirit. There will be a marked route to follow, but you are welcome to keep going as far as you would like and turn around when little legs get tired!

### How can you help?

We are in need of helpers for hourly shifts on October 1<sup>st</sup> the day of the event. Please contact the Marathon Committee if you are able to volunteer for one of the shifts. We are also looking for items to be donated to use for prizes and for event day. Please visit the donation station in the office or contact a committee member to find out the specific items we need and return them to the school or church office.

### What are the Marathon donation requirements this year?

As part of the Tuition Agreement you are required to donate \$100/child. If you wish to have the required amount billed to you through Smart Tuition, please indicate by checking the box on the labeled envelope. In order to meet this year's Marathon goal of \$77,000, each student needs to raise \$180.00.

### What are some of the creative ways I can solicit my friends and family for donations SVDP?

- Inform your friend/family member that their donation is so important to the functionality of our amazing Catholic school! Here are some of the ways the money raised will be spent this school year: classroom materials, tools and resources; technology for the students; physical education equipment; materials for our specialist team.
- Commit to running/biking/walking a certain distance of the marked course at the Marathon event. Ask your friend or family member to support you by donating \$5, \$10, \$15 or more per mile you go! Remember this is not a pledge, but an actual donation.
- Ask five friends to donate \$5. Then ask five family members to donate \$5. Then ask five neighbors to donate \$5. Then ask five coworkers to donate \$5. Before you know it you will have \$100!
- With permission of your employer or establishment, decorate and set up a "spare change" donation jar. Every penny helps!
- Don't forget to use technology! Email your family, friends and coworkers your donation requests. Use social media to tell a great story or experience you have had at SVDP. Show them how great this school is and how their donation will be used.

### Are prizes awarded?

Yes! Individuals and classrooms have the opportunity to win gift cards, non-uniform passes and popcorn parties. Each student that collects and turns in \$25 or more at the SVDP Open House will qualify for the Early Bird Raffle. There will also be Classroom challenges each week!

### **How do company matches work?**

Please check with the HR department at your employer to see if they are willing and able to match a donation. This is a TREMENDOUS help to us meeting our Marathon goal. Many are unaware if they have this opportunity with their employer so please check! On the back of the Marathon collection envelope there is a section designated for recording the company matched donations. Please complete and include any details you have before turning in your envelope.

### **When and how do I turn in my donation collection?**

The Marathon collection envelope was distributed to the youngest child in each family ONLY so there will be ONE envelope per family for K-8. Please fill out the shaded boxes on the collection envelope sticker before turning it into school. **Any money collected will be equally divided between students unless otherwise noted by you.** If you wish to have the money divided differently, please include a note in the envelope with the donation as to how you would like it split between your children. The envelopes are to be returned to school (your child's teacher) on or before the following Friday's in September: 9/9, 9/15, 9/23, 9/30.