

FaiTh Run



April 2019

Dear Parents,

On Friday, May 3rd, the students of St. Thomas the Apostle School will be participating in our second annual Faith Run. The goal of this event is to raise funds through pledges to use for school improvements (both inside our classrooms as well as our outdoor facilities) while also giving 20% of all funds raised to two worthy charities.

This event will take place on the soccer field behind the school during school hours. Each class will have 30 minutes to complete as many laps as they can in the time allotted to them. Laps will be tracked and then noted on pledge forms when they are returned.

To make this event more fun for the children, it will be a competition to see which grades, the 'A' or the 'B' classes can raise the most donations for their charity! The winning classes will receive a prize of a dress down week (dates TBD) and the family that brings in the most pledges will receive a \$50 Visa Gift Card.

- The 'A' grades will be competing for **St. Jude Children's Research Hospital**. St. Jude is leading the way the world understands, treats and defeats childhood cancer and other life-threatening diseases. It is the only National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center devoted solely to children. Treatments invented at St. Jude have helped push the overall childhood cancer survival rate from 20% to more than 80% since the hospital opened more than 50 years ago.
- The 'B' grades will be competing for the **Gary Sinise Foundation**, a public charity supporting veterans, first responders and their families. Since its' creation in 2011, and under the umbrella of four distinct programs, the Gary Sinise Foundation has built scores of specially adapted smart homes for severely wounded veterans, awarded hundreds of emergency relief grants to police officers, firefighters and EMTs, and served hundreds of thousands of meals to our nation's defenders all over the country.

Below is a timeline for this upcoming event:

- **Week of April 1st** – Pledge forms are sent home and the students find out which charity their class is competing for.
- **Wednesday, May 1st** – All pledge forms are to be returned to school.
- **Friday, May 3rd** – All students in grades Pre-K 4 through 8th will participate in the Faith Run. (Rain Date is Friday, May 17th.)
- **Week of May 6th** – Pledge forms showing numbers of laps completed will be returned to students to begin collecting pledge money.
- **Friday, May 31st** – Last day to send in pledge money.
- **Week of June 1st** – The winning classes 'A' or 'B' are announced, and prizes are awarded.

Thank you as always for your support of our school as well as our commitment in faith to serve others!

Sincerely,
St. Thomas HSA