

Fai⁺th Run



March 2018

Dear Parents,

On Friday, April 27th, the students of St. Thomas the Apostle School will be participating in what we hope will become an annual event - a Faith Run. The goal of this event is to raise funds through pledges to use for school improvements while also giving 20% of all funds raised to two worthy children's charities. The pledge money raised for school improvements will be used to purchase additional Promethean Boards, working toward the goal of having every classroom equipped with this award winning, advanced technological teaching aid. This YouTube link shows a short video of what a Promethean board is and how it works:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=N6dM5lFrq7Y>.

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, **Jason's Dreams for Kids**, which is a non-profit organization that fulfills the wishes of children diagnosed with life-threatening illness. It is located in Monmouth County, NJ.
- The 'B' grades will be competing for **STOMP Out Bullying** which is the leading national nonprofit dedicated to changing culture for all students by promoting civility, inclusion and equality. It teaches effective solutions on how to respond to all forms of bullying through a HelpChat Line, in-school education, brochures, an Educator's Bullying Prevention Toolkit and much more.

Below is a timeline for this upcoming event:

- **Week of March 19th** – Pledge forms are sent home and the students find out which charity their class is competing for.
- **Wednesday, April 25th** – All pledge forms are to be returned to school.
- **Friday, April 27th** – All students in grades Pre-K 4 through 8th will participate in the Faith Run. (Rain Date is Friday, May 4th.)
- **Week of April 30th** – Pledge forms showing numbers of laps completed will be returned to students to begin collecting pledge money.
- **Friday, May 25th** – Last day to send in pledge money.
- **Week of May 28th** – The winning classes 'A' or 'B' are announced, prizes are awarded and the entire school will receive a special treat provided by the HSA.

We are very excited for this event and are looking forward to fostering some good spirited competition! Thank you as always for your support of our school as well as our commitment in faith to serve others.

Sincerely,
St. Thomas HSA