

# SPELL CHECK



Dear Parents,

Students in 1st through 8th grade will be participating in the **Great American SpellCheck** to help raise funds for our school. As our highest earning fundraiser, the SpellCheck is unique in that 100% of the money raised benefits OUR school. The combination of academics and fundraising makes for an incredible event.

**Here is how it works:** In this packet you will find a list of spelling words for your child to study. From now until February 19, your child is encouraged to reach out to family and friends to collect tax-deductible pledges for the number of words spelled correctly (a flat amount can also be donated). After the spelling test is administered, the tests will be graded and sent home. Students will then collect the pledges. Our goal is to have 100% student participation.

Here is the Great American SpellCheck fund-raising timeline:

- **Tuesday, January 12, 2021** - Students will receive their spelling words and pledge sheets. Start studying words and gathering pledges!
- **Thursday, February 11** - Students must return pledge sheets to the homeroom teacher.
- **Friday, February 19** - We will conduct the Great American SpellCheck.
- **Wednesday, February 24** - Tests will be graded and pledge sheets returned to students. Start collecting pledges.
- **Friday, March 5** - This is the deadline for supporters to return their pledged funds.

**We ask that you:**

- Help your child learn to spell the SpellCheck study words.
- Indicate your level of support on the pledge forms.
- Ask family members to pledge.
- Make sure that your child turns in any collected pledges. **Checks should be made payable to St. Thomas the Apostle.**

We hope that you share in our excitement about your child's participation in the **Great American SpellCheck**. Together, we can encourage strong spelling skills and help raise funds for our school

Sincerely,

Annette Pioppo  
Principal

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE'S is participating in the Great American SpellCheck.

A student participating in the Great American SpellCheck studies 50 spelling words. The student collects pledges for each word spelled correctly on the Great American SpellCheck test to be held February 19, 2021. **This is a win-win proposition.** The student wins by improving spelling skills. St Thomas the Apostle wins by retaining 100% of the funds for school-related needs and projects.



Will you please support \_\_\_\_\_'s participation in the Great American SpellCheck?

Complete this section before the Great American SpellCheck test		Complete this section before the Great American SpellCheck test	
	<b>Supporter Contact Information</b>	Pledge: I pledge for each word spelled correctly:	Words spelled correctly: _____ Supporter: By March 5, 2021. Please make check payable to St Thomas the Apostle in this amount:
1	Name:  Phone or Email:	<input type="checkbox"/> 25¢ <input type="checkbox"/> 50¢ <input type="checkbox"/> \$1.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00  <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Amount: \$ _____	\$ _____
2	Name:  Phone or Email:	<input type="checkbox"/> 25¢ <input type="checkbox"/> 50¢ <input type="checkbox"/> \$1.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00  <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Amount: \$ _____	\$ _____
3	Name:  Phone or Email:	<input type="checkbox"/> 25¢ <input type="checkbox"/> 50¢ <input type="checkbox"/> \$1.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00  <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Amount: \$ _____	\$ _____
4	Name:  Phone or Email:	<input type="checkbox"/> 25¢ <input type="checkbox"/> 50¢ <input type="checkbox"/> \$1.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00  <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Amount: \$ _____	\$ _____
<p><b>Student:</b> You must return this pledge form to your school by February 11, 2021.  <b>Supporter:</b> After the student has taken the Great American SpellCheck test, the student will return the pledge form to you. The poledge form will indicate the amount you owe based on your pledge and the student's performance.</p>			<b>T-H-A-N-K Y-O-U!</b>

Great American SpellCheck is a school relations effort of the Scripps National Spelling Bee. Through the Great American SpellCheck, 100% of the funds raised by the school stay with the school. The purpose of the Scripps National Spelling Bee is to help students improve their spelling, increase their vocabularies, learn concepts and develop correct English usage that will help them all their lives.

ONE FAMILY, STA STRONG!