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The 2019 St. Michael School Walk-A-Thon is FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20!

NEW WAT WEBSITE FOR ORDERS AND DONATIONS: bit.ly/SMSwat

The Walk-A-Thon is the largest and most important fundraiser that St. Michael School PTO sponsors and it is 100% profit for the PTO. Besides being financially beneficial to the PTO, the Walk-A-Thon helps promote school spirit and emphasizes the benefits of exercise for the students.

NEW this year – make pledges, buy pizza, and buy t-shirts **online!** We're very excited about this capability! Please note, we are charged per transaction so if you plan to take advantage of our new online option, try to do as much as possible in one transaction.

Each student is receiving a pledge form to tally their pledges, a business sponsor letter, a pizza order form, and a t-shirt order form. Additional forms will be available on the school website at bit.ly/SMSwat.

How it Works:

The Walk-A-Thon is an all-day event where students raise money by asking friends, family members, neighbors and businesses to sponsor them for walking laps around a designated path (approximately 1/2 mile) at Sharon Woods. The 2019 Walk-A-Thon will be held on Friday, September 20 at Sharon Woods. In the event of rain, this event will be held at school.

Each student is asked to collect an average of \$50.00 to \$75.00 (or more if possible) in pledges. Sponsors can donate per lap, or can provide a flat donation.

We appreciate our students identifying themselves and our school and being gracious whether or not a pledge is made. All business sponsors will be acknowledged in the parish bulletin, the Walk-A-Thon newsletter and the school website.

All pledges are appreciated and **NO PLEDGE IS TOO SMALL!** We strive for 100% participation from all students for the walk as well as pledge collections.

On **Monday, September 16th**, all students must turn in their pledge sheets to their homeroom teacher. Pledge sheets will be returned to the students at the end of the Walk-A-Thon so that they can be used to collect the money from their sponsors.

La Rosa's Pizza will be available on the day of the Walk-A-Thon (for students & parents) for orders placed by the deadline of **Monday, September 16th**. Drinks for the students will be provided by the homerooms, and water will be available. Students and parents will need to pack a lunch if they do not wish to order pizza.

2019 Walk-A-Thon Awards

We are sure our students will do a great job of collecting sponsors and walking laps for the donations that are collected for our school. To show our appreciation for every student who participates in this event, post event pep rally will take place on a date TBA. **To be eligible for ANY of these awards listed below, all money must be turned in by Friday, September 27th.**

Golden Sneaker Award:

This prestigious award goes to the homeroom with the highest number of laps recorded (one award for the winning homeroom K-3, and one award for the winning homeroom 4-8). The winning homerooms will have the honor of displaying the Golden Sneaker Award for the entire school year!

100% Participation:

Every class that has 100% participation will receive an EXTRA Out of Uniform Day (date chosen by principal).

Participation Eligibility:

In order to participate in the Walk-A-Thon, each student must return a pledge sheet with **at least one pledge by Monday, September 16th**. Remember, no pledge is too small.

School Spirit Award:

We are providing students and parents the opportunity to purchase Walk-A-Thon t-shirts this year. An order form came home earlier, and can also be found on the website. The t-shirts are optional, but are a fantastic bargain and a great way to promote St. Michael School and Walk-A-Thon.

We encourage ALL students to dress in "Spirit Wear" for the Walk. Show your pride in St. Michael School by wearing blue and gold! The homeroom that shows the most spirit will receive a special prize!

Volunteer Station Award:

The kids aren't the only ones who get to have fun – volunteer parents are encouraged to show their St. Michael spirit as well, and the most spirited station will be awarded!

After the Event:

Students will have one week after the event to collect money from their sponsors. All donations are tax deductible and students are encouraged to collect the money at the time of the pledge whenever possible. Students may collect more money than their pledge amount.

Send the total collection in an envelope marked WAT with the pledge sheet to the student's homeroom teacher no later than **September 27th**. All checks should be made payable to St. Michael PTO. Families can send in ONE check for all students. If possible, please return all family pledge forms together in one envelope to facilitate the processing. **Families may also make donations ONLINE at bit.ly/SMSwatdonate**. Please make sure your child(ren)s' names and homerooms are on the pledge form and envelope. Business sponsorships that come directly to the school will be credited on the student's pledge form.

Any questions can be directed to stmichaelppto@gmail.com

Thanks and Good Luck from the WAT Committee!

Let's make this the best year ever!