



2025 Saint John's School of Little Canada Marathon for Non-Public Education

The cost to educate a child at Saint John's School is approximately \$10,000. Tuition covers about half of your child's education. Saint John's parish covers another 25% through their subsidies, and the balance is made up by utilizing parent volunteers and through fundraising.

Our primary annual fundraiser is the **Marathon for Nonpublic Education**. The Marathon is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #4021, and is held at Central Park in Roseville, MN. Students participate in the Marathon by soliciting cash pledges for walking, running, or biking laps around the park. **It is a wonderful community-building event!**

This important fundraiser helps keep our school's tuition in line and raises funds for our school programs. The goal of **\$50,000** is included in this year's school budget; without it, we will need additional financial support or fundraisers.

100% of the proceeds go directly to Saint John's School!

GOALS:

All School Goal:

\$50,000

Student/Family Goals: Each family is asked to participate by raising (*at a minimum*) the family goals below:

Families with only Prekindergarten students	\$100
One enrolled K-8 child in family	\$250
Two enrolled K-8 children in family	\$350
Three enrolled K-8 children in family	\$450
Four or more enrolled K-8 children in family	\$500

Students and families are encouraged to reach out to extended family, neighbors, and friends to solicit pledges for Saint John's School in support of students' efforts via:

- Cash (collected by family and turned in on collection days).
- Checks made out to Saint John's (collected by family and turned in on collection days).
- Electronic donations on our school's website www.sjlc.org/giving page – please be sure donors indicate a student or family name in the "Dedication" box.

PRIZES:

Principal's Challenge All-School Goal: Every student will receive a special pizza and ice cream party if the school goal of \$50,000 is met!

Top 3: Special gift cards will be awarded to the students who turn in the top three dollar amounts by the last collection due date (October 8, 2025), exclusive of corporate matches.

Free Dress Passes: Each student can earn one (1) Free Dress Pass for every \$50 turned in.

- *Please note: a maximum of 10 Free Dress Passes per student may be earned.*

IMPORTANT DATES:

Wednesday, October 1st: 1st Round of envelope collection:

- Please turn in your pledge form, cash, and checks in the manila marathon envelope provided to each student. Classroom teachers will collect these envelopes.
 - **Please note:** *if you have more than one student participating in the marathon and turn in the pledges collectively rather than in the individual student envelopes, the funds will be distributed evenly among your students, unless indicated differently on the pledge forms.*

Saturday, October 4th: 9 AM - 12 PM Marathon Day!

- **Central Park Victoria West** (please see attached map). Families are welcome to come at any time that morning and stay as long as you like!

Wednesday, October 8th: Last envelope collection day:

- Please turn in your pledge form, cash, and checks in the manila marathon envelope provided to each student. Classroom teachers will collect these envelopes.
 - **Please note:** *if you have more than one student participating in the marathon and turn in the pledges collectively rather than in the individual student envelopes, the funds will be distributed evenly among your students, unless indicated differently on the pledge forms.*

CORPORATE MATCHING GRANTS:

Many employers provide matching grants for your charitable contributions, and these matching grants are greatly appreciated. They contribute to the Principal/School goal, as well as students' Free Dress Passes. To determine if your employer participates in matching grants, please contact your employer.

For those families that submit a corporate matching grant, please submit one form for the entire family contribution. Submit the form at the same time the collected pledges are submitted to your student's teacher. Unless we are notified otherwise, matching gifts will be allocated equally between all students from the same family.

The success of the Marathon depends on the participation and cooperation of the Saint John's Parish and School community. Thank you for your support!

MARATHON DAY DETAILS

Saturday, October 4, 2025

The marathon will begin at **9:00 AM** at Central Park in Roseville, MN.

Saint John's School will have a tent set up on the East side of Bennett Lake in **Central Park Victoria West** (*please see attached map for address*). Water and snacks will be provided.

Students may choose to either walk or bike around the lake. Marathon Punch Cards, distributed by the Knights of Columbus, will be available at the Marathon Checkpoint on the east side of the lake in **Central Park Victoria West**. Each completed lap around the lake earns one (1) punch on the card.

Parents must accompany their children for the duration of the marathon.

Dogs must be leashed at all times, and their waste must be cleaned up.

The Knights of Columbus will serve complimentary pancakes, sausages, hot dogs, and coffee at the **Foundation Shelter** located in **Central Park Victoria West** (*please see attached map*).

The marathon will end by **12:00 PM**.