

# ***Who Needs Luck When We Have Faith?***

**ST. PETER IN CHAINS  
15TH ANNUAL WALKATHON  
FRIDAY OCTOBER 13, 2023\***

## What is the Walkathon?

Walkathon is sponsored by EPIC (our parent-teacher collaboration). The Walkathon is our largest fundraiser each year, raising approximately \$35,000 annually. The Walkathon occurs on school campus and the students participate in various physical activities for approximately 1 hour on the date of the Walkathon. The students are split into three groups by grade-level. All Walkathon activities will occur prior to 11.

## Why support the Walkathon?

The funds raised by EPIC support the school in countless ways, including enrichment programs, family-community events, operations, technology, and facility improvements. We make a sizeable transfer directly to the school each year providing support for our teachers and programming. Additionally, with your generous gifts, we have been able to install air conditioning into all but two of the classrooms (the remaining two are using inefficient and noisy portable units). The installations have occurred in phases at a total cost of \$121,022. We hope to complete the project by the end of this year. The estimated cost for completion is \$40,000. Your support is critical to the success of this project and our school.

## How to participate!

Students will ask family and friends to support them by making a donation. Our goal is to raise \$35,000 this year. To do so, we need the support of every school family. Therefore, we kindly ask **each family to submit at least 10 names and addresses of family and friends (from separate households), who we will contact on your student's behalf, or raise \$250 in donations/sponsorships**. New this year, to minimize costs, simplify donations, and reduce volunteers, we will be utilizing Cheddar Up and hope to collect a majority of our donations online. Consequently, **we are asking primarily for e-mail addresses**. However, we understand that you may have friends or family who will only participate by mail. **We will accept mailing addresses as well**. Please remember that mailing is costly: we ask that you Carefully consider your list and only send in names of people who you personally know will be willing to support our fundraiser. You might consider including grandparents, extended family, godparents, college friends, co-works, your Christmas card list, and neighbors. **You can participate in one of four different ways:**

1. You need only give us the names and addresses (preferably email, mail is acceptable) and we will take care of sending out the donation request. **[CLICK HERE TO FILL OUT GOOGLE FORM](#)**. If you would like the list you provided last year as a guide in filling out the form, email spswalk@gmail.com with your family name and we will send it to you.
2. New this year, you can also directly solicit donations on behalf of your student by sending out the Cheddar Up link or QR code to family and friends yourself. You can **[ACCESS A COPY OF THE QR CODE HERE](#)**. Here is the link, **<https://2023-walkathon-epic.cheddarup.com>**. Have fun with this, include a picture or video of your child and ask away. Use our letter **[GET IT HERE](#)**.
3. You and your student can go door -to-door. The door-to-door collection form can be downloaded **[HERE](#)**.
4. Make a private donation or obtain a corporate sponsorship on behalf of your family of at least \$250 by September 15, 2023. **[CLICK HERE FOR SPONSORSHIP FORM](#)** or go to **[CHEDDAR UP](#)**.

***All payments may be made through Cheddar Up.  
Checks should be made payable to St. Peter in Chains EPIC***

**Walkathon t-shirts will be provided to all students courtesy of the Walkathon Committee. If you wish to purchase a t-shirt for yourself or anyone else in your family, you must order through Cheddar Up.**

**ALL SHIRTS MUST BE PURCHASED BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2023.**

**[Click Here to order a t-shirt or t-shirts for yourself or family members.](#)**

*\* Rain Date is Friday, October 20, 2023*

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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

Remember to read *The Link* weekly and watch our SPS Families Facebook page for updates on the Walkathon.

**In order for your child to qualify for the *Participation Award* of an out-of-uniform pass for Friday, September 22, 2022, you must meet one of the following requirements:**

- **Due by Tuesday, September 5, 2023:** If you choose to participate by providing addressess (preferably email, mail is acceptable). You must submit those addresses through the google form, [CLICK HERE TO FILL OUT GOOGLE FORM](#), on or before **September 5, 2023**.
- **Due by Friday, September 15, 2023:** If you choose to participate by soliciting family and friends yourself, either through sending out the link or QR Code for Cheddar UP, or by going door-door to door, you must raise at least \$250 on behalf of your family on or before this date.
- **Due by Friday, September 15, 2023:** If you choose to participate by making a private donation of \$250 or obtaining a corporate sponsorship of at least \$250, all payments (either private donations or corporate sponsorship) must be made on or before this date.

**In order for your child to qualify for the Walkathon Collection Award of an out-of-uniform pass for Friday, October 27, 2023:**

- **By Monday, October 9, 2023:** Your family must have raised at least \$250 in private donations or corporate sponsorships for the Walkathon (if you meet this requirement in September, you qualify for the out-of-uniform pass in October as well).

## **FAMILY PRIZES**

**Class totals will be divided by the number of students to determine what levels are met.**

- For every \$100 a family raises, they will receive one (1) raffle entry (up to 3 maximum) for various gift cards and prizes valued at \$100 or more.
- For every \$300 a family raises, they will receive one (1) entry (up to 3 maximum) into a raffle for \$1000. Additionally, any family who submits at least ten (10) addresses and has at least a 70% return rate on their addresses (i.e. 7 or more out of 10) will receive one (1) entry in the \$1000 raffle. Any family who returns over 10 addresses and has at least a 60% return rate on their addresses will receive two (2) entries in the \$1000 raffle. These entries are over and above those earned for the amount of money donated.

## **CLASS PRIZES**

- Classes who raise an average of \$200 or more per student = Pizza Lunch (courtesy of Walkathon Committee) to be served on Friday, October 27, 2023.
- Classes who raise an average of \$250 or more per student = Pizza lunch and no-homework pass (Tuesday, October 31, 2023)
- Classes who raise an average of \$300 or more per student = Pizza Lunch, no-homework pass (Tuesday, October 31, 2023) and one extra recess to be used at the teacher's discretion, either on Friday, October 27, 2023, or Tuesday, October 31, 2023.
- **Golden Shoe Award:** This prestigious prize will be given to the class that averages the most money collected per student (last year's winning class raised an average of \$496.73 per student). That class will receive a trophy to be kept in their classroom for the whole year, as well as a Chick-Fil-A Lunch (date in either November or December)

***If the school reaches our fundraising goal of \$35,000, the entire school will be rewarded with a sweet treat - ice cream from a local favorite!***