



What is the Walkathon?

The Walkathon, proudly sponsored by EPIC (our parent-teacher collaboration), is our largest annual fundraiser, raising approximately \$35,000 each year. This exciting event takes place on our school campus, where students engage in a variety of physical activities for about one hour. Students are split into three groups by grade-level.

- **Date: Friday, October 10, 2025**
- Rain Date: Friday, October 24, 2025
- Time: All activities will be completed before 11:15 a.m.

Why support the Walkathon?

Public schools in Ohio spend over \$11,000 per student on average. **The funds raised by EPIC help bridge the gap between tuition and the essential resources** needed to provide our students with a high-quality education.

EPIC supports our school in countless ways, including:

- Enrichment programs
- Family and community events
- Technology upgrades
- Facility improvements
- Operational support

Each year, EPIC makes a significant financial contribution directly to the school, enhancing teacher support and student programming. EPIC supports the school in countless other ways including family-community events, teacher appreciation, and facility improvements. Thanks to previous Walkathon donations, we successfully installed air conditioning in every classroom, a project totaling over \$160,000. Any funds raised beyond our annual expenditures will be earmarked for tuck-pointing—the replacement of brick mortar—a six-figure investment critical to maintaining our school's infrastructure.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Students will ask family and friends to support them by donating. **Our goal is to raise \$35,000 this year—and we need the support of every school family to make it happen!**

Your family can participate in one or more of the following **FOUR ways:**

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1. SUBMIT NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF POTENTIAL DONORS

Let us do the outreach for you! Simply provide names and email addresses and we'll send donation requests on your student's behalf.

We kindly ask each family to submit at least 10 contacts. Email is preferred to reduce costs and volunteer hours. Consider including grandparents, extended family, godparents, college friends, co-workers, neighbors, or your holiday card list.

What to do:

- Submit your names via the [NAME SUBMISSION FORM](#).
- Returning families: If you would like to use the list you provided last year, simply email spswalk@gmail.com with the subject line "Use my 2024 list – (Family Name)"

Deadline: Friday, September 5, 2025

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2. SEND DONATION REQUESTS YOURSELF

You can personally reach out to family and friends using our online donation form.

What to do:

- Share the QR Code: [ACCESS QR CODE HERE](#) or the Online Donation link: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/4svAKpqi>.
- Use our Donation Form Letter: [ACCESS DONATION FORM LETTER](#).
- Send it to all your family and friends! Have fun with it, include a picture or video of your child to make it personal!

Deadline: Tuesday, October 7, 2025 (all donations must be received by this date to count toward student totals)

3. GO DOOR-TO-DOOR

You and your student can collect donations in person using our printable form.

What to do:

- Download the [IN PERSON DONATION FORM HERE.](#)
- Collect donations and log the information on the above form
- Submit to the School Office

Deadline: Tuesday, October 7, 2025

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4. MAKE A PRIVATE DONATION OR SECURE A CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

Families may choose to make a private donation or obtain a corporate sponsorship of \$250 or more.

- [SPONSOR ONLINE FORM](#)
- [GET SPONSOR MAIL-IN FORM HERE](#)
- Email logo artwork or how business or family should be recognized to spswalk@gmail.com

Deadline: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 (all sponsorships, including logo artwork, must be received by this date to be included on our t-shirts)

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PAYMENT INFORMATION

All donations can be made through our [ONLINE DONATION LINK](#) for convenience and efficiency.

Prefer to pay by check? No problem!

What to do:

- **Please make checks payable to: St. Peter in Chains EPIC**
- Checks may be mailed or turned into the school office.
 - If you are mailing, please address to:
St. Peter in Chains School
Attn: Walkathon
451 Ridgelawn Avenue
Hamilton, OH 45013

DON'T FORGET TO SEND YOUR STUDENT A NOTE!

Donors are invited to send encouraging messages to the students they're supporting. These notes will be printed and displayed on poster boards outside classrooms for students to enjoy.

What to do:

- Submit a message through the [**ONLINE ENCOURAGEMENT FORM**](#)
- Or send a handwritten note, post-its work great for this, to the school office

Let's fill the halls with positivity and encouragement!

WALKATHON T-SHIRTS

As a thank-you, **all students will receive a themed Walkathon T-shirt**, which they'll wear on the day of the event and may be worn on spirit-wear days throughout the year.

Want one for yourself or other family members? Volunteers especially love wearing these shirts during the event!

What to do:

- Order through the [**ONLINE T-SHIRT ORDER FORM**](#)

Deadline: Friday, September 5, 2025

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We cannot make this fun event come to life without your help! Please consider volunteering for the event: Friday, October 10, 2025 (Rain date: Friday, October 24, 2025).

Sign up on OptionC – eForm: Walkathon Volunteer Sign-Up 2025-2026

- You must be **background checked, Safe Parish Certified, and up to date on all Safe Parish bulletins**
- Not certified yet? There's still time! [**FIND OUT HOW HERE**](#)
- **School personnel will verify compliance two weeks prior to the event.**

As the event approaches, we'll also send out a Sign-Up Genius for snack donations.

PARTICIPATE FOR REWARDS AND PRIZES!

Out-of-Uniform Days

 **Friday, September 26, 2025**

To qualify, families must meet one or more of the following by **Friday, September 5, 2025**:

- Submit **10+ donor addresses** via [NAME SUBMISSION FORM](#) or email spswalk@gmail.com with subject line: “**Use my 2024 list – (Family Name)**”
- Raise **\$250 or more** by soliciting donations via [ONLINE DONATION LINK](#) or door-to-door by **Friday, September 19, 2025**
- Make a **private donation or secure a corporate sponsorship of \$250+** by **Friday, September 19, 2025** (*to be recognized on T-shirts, sponsorships must be received by Tuesday, September 9*)

 **Friday, November 7, 2025**

To qualify, families must raise **\$250+** in private donations or sponsorships by **Tuesday, October 7, 2025**

Family Prizes

- For every **\$100 raised**, families earn **1 raffle entry** (up to 3) for gift cards and prizes valued at \$100+
- For every **\$300 raised**, families earn **1 raffle entry** (up to 3) for a **\$1,000 prize**
- Families who submit **10+ addresses** and achieve a **60% return rate** (e.g., 6 or more out of 10) earn **1 entry** into the **\$1,000 raffle**

Class Prizes

Class totals are averaged per student to determine prize levels:

- **\$200+/student:** 🍕 Pizza Lunch – **Friday, November 7, 2025**
- **\$250+/student:** 🍕 Pizza Lunch – **Friday, November 7, 2025** + 📄 No-Homework Pass
- **\$300+/student:** 🍕 Pizza Lunch– **Friday, November 7, 2025** + 📄 No-Homework Pass + ⌚ Extra Recess

Golden Shoe Award

Awarded to the class with the **highest average raised per student**

- 🏆 Trophy for the classroom
- 🍷 Special lunch in December (e.g., Texas Roadhouse, Chick-fil-A)

School-Wide Prize

If the school reaches its **\$30,000 fundraising goal**, every student will enjoy a **sweet treat—ice cream from a local favorite—on Friday, November 7, 2025!**