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Dear Holy Trinity families,

Welcome back to school! Marathon is just around the corner, on Friday, October 14th. If you were with us the last few years, you know that our Marathon has been breaking records. This year the school goal is \$30,000 with an individual goal of \$250 per student.

Marathon is our biggest fundraiser of the year. The phrase, "It takes a village..." is so very true when it comes to giving our children a Catholic education. The good news is that we have tremendous support here at Holy Trinity from our parish, families, friends, and community. Every year we continue to provide a wonderful, faith-filled, in-person education for our students! Fundraisers are our **opportunity** to have our extended family, friends, neighbors, community and sometimes even co-workers help us in our mission. Tuition does not cover the full cost of educating a child at Holy Trinity. In fact, you would have to pay more than double tuition to cover the full cost! That still wouldn't include some of the extras Home and School helps with, including field trips, busing, technology improvements, marketing activities, etc. We receive large subsidies from the parish and these, along with fundraising activities organized by Home and School, help make up the difference.

We understand making the goal is stressful for some of our families, but we just ask that everyone does their best! Some families are able to contribute more and some contribute what they can, but the past has proven that if we all give it 100% of our effort we can meet our goal and exceed it! Parents, this is a call to you to fully support your child(ren) in their efforts to raise the money. NOW is the time to start collecting those donations. Ask family, friends, neighbors, coworkers; anyone you can think of. You can assist your child(ren) in making phone calls, take them door to door if you are comfortable, send out the donation request letter that is included, check to see if your company participates in the Matching Gift program, and use email/ Facebook to reach out to a larger audience. We will also be setting up an online donation portal, so you can send people to donate online!

Additional information about the marathon, the link for online donations, as well as all the materials you need to get started collecting donations will be coming home soon! Everyone can start collecting money! There will be prizes leading up to the Marathon, so start collecting that money and bringing it in.

If you'd like to be a part of this amazing event, you will receive an invite from Track It Forward in a few weeks. If you have any questions, please email us at <a href="mailto:secretary@holytrinityssp.org">secretary@holytrinityssp.org</a> or <a href="mailto:adavis@holytrinityssp.org">adavis@holytrinityssp.org</a>.

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