



ST. THOMAS MORE Catholic School

Dear St. Thomas More Families,

St. Thomas More Catholic School Fund Run season is officially upon us and we are excited to kick off our Fund Run festivities this week! Our 39th Fund Run, a school-wide fundraiser for preschool through 8th grade, will take place the morning of **Friday, October 3** on the STM field with lunch for students and a carnival immediately following. Together with our incredible community - students, families, alumni, parishioners, and sponsors - we aim to raise **\$45,000**. The financial support this event provides is critical to the school, helping offset the tuition cost per student, ensuring necessary facility updates, and continuing to expand our academic programs, curriculum, and retreats. In addition, this year we are fundraising for an upgraded PA Alert System as we continue to prioritize school safety.

This year we are bringing the **FUN** in Fund Run! Our theme is “**Wanted: Rebels on the Run**” and for each \$2,500 raised, a teacher or staff will be “captured.” Our judge, Fr. Pat, will announce the sentencing at the final Pep Rally. The leader of the outlaws, Principal McCollum, has negotiated that he will turn himself in for punishment if the school can raise **\$50,000**.

Last year we implemented a new online donation platform and shortened the Fund Run season to three weeks to make fundraising as streamlined and fun for students and their families. An email with a link to your student(s) individual Fund Run donation page will be sent out on Friday, September 12. Please note that each child (not family) has their own donation page. We strongly encourage students to lead their own fundraising efforts by personalizing their page, adding a photo, and sharing it with friends and family!

Some additional information about Fund Run:

- Every student who raises a minimum of **\$125** in donations will earn their Spirit Shirt. Shirts are handed out each Friday, starting on September 19, for those who have hit their goal and can be worn to school each Monday through October 6.
- Students are awarded one raffle ticket for every \$5 raised and can use their tickets to enter to win any one of five large raffle items of their choosing.
- The class with the highest donations (average per child) each week earns double raffle tickets.
- Students will work towards their customized classroom goal (which equals **\$175** per student) to earn a school-wide roller skate and pizza party at Pattison's.
- Students who raise **\$200** or more will join the “Bandana Bandits” gang! Each member will receive a bandana and a sweet treat, and be eligible to draw teacher names at the Pep Rallies.



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Parents and families are encouraged to join us for a Fund Run Pep Rally each Friday at 2:30pm on the STM field.

All Fund Run documents and a link to the school's fundraising page can be found on the school website. Donations are due by 3pm on Wednesdays to count towards that week's donation totals.

Lastly, we are incredibly fortunate to our Fund Run Sponsors whose generosity helps to offset the cost of the event and allows for all donations to directly benefit the school. Thank you sponsors!

Thank you to all STM families and friends for your support of this fun event!

Jim McCollum
Principal

Kathryn Bradley
Advancement Coordinator

