



ST. THOMAS MORE Catholic School

Dear St. Thomas More Families,

We are excited to kick off our 40th annual Fund Run at St. Thomas More Catholic School! The Fund Run is a school-wide fundraiser for Preschool through 8th grade. Over the next three weeks, our school aims to raise **\$50,000**, culminating with our Fund Run and Carnival on **Friday, October 2nd** on the STM field with lunch for students and a carnival immediately following.

While we are aware of the many challenges our community continues to face following the wildfires, the fact remains that our school's main fundraising events are critical to STM's financial stability. Funds raised from this event help offset the tuition cost per student, ensure necessary facility updates, and help continue to expand our academic programs, curriculum, and retreats.

Building off of our "Fruit of the Spirit" school theme, this year's Fund Run theme is "Running with the Spirit." Principal McCollum has agreed to have an item dumped on him during our Friday Pep Rallies for each \$5,000 raised. Our students have loved coming up with ideas of items to dump on him, and we hope this incentivizes their fundraising efforts!

An email with a link to your student(s) individual Fund Run donation page will be sent out on Friday, September 11. **Please note that each child (not family) has their own donation page.** This page can be personalized by adding a photo and easily shared 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 18, for those who have hit their goal and can be worn to school the first day of the following week.
- 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.
- Each week the class with the highest donations (average per child) 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 "Fruit Force." All students in the Fruit Force will receive a mini squishmallow and fruit snacks.
- Each class has been assigned a fruit and for each \$500 a class raises, they will be given their corresponding fruit to place on our tree in the main school hallway.



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All of our Fund Run documents and a link the school's fundraising page can be found on the school website. Donations are due by 9pm on Wednesdays to count towards that week's donation totals.

Lastly, we are incredibly thankful to this year's Fund Run sponsors. The generosity of these businesses helps to offset the cost of the event and allows for all donations to directly benefit the school.

Parents and families are encouraged to join us for a Fund Run Pep Rally each Friday at on the STM field. Please see your calendar for Pep Rally times. Thank you to all STM families and friends for your support of this fun event!

Jim McCollum
Principal

Kathryn Bradley
Advancement Director

