



# **Walkathon 2023**

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## **Information Package**

Our biggest fundraiser of the year: *WALKATHON 2023*, is fast approaching! Our goal is to raise at least \$25,000. If each student collects at least \$125 in pledges, we will easily reach our goal. Remember that every little bit helps!

**This year a large portion of the money we raise is going toward creating more outdoor learning and fun spaces at our school.**

### **Date & Time:**

On the morning of **Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**, the students of St. James & St. Ann's will be walking between 3km & 8km (depending on their grade) through the parks around the school. We encourage all families to join us for the walk.

**Students will be dismissed early, at 12:15pm, on Friday, May 5 after a well-deserved hot-dog lunch.** *We invite families to join our free lunch. Bring a blanket and/or chairs and enjoy some food, socializing and well-deserved rest. We are hoping for excellent weather so that we can picnic on the field.*

### **Prizes for Fundraising:**

Most students take great pride in asking family, friends and neighbours to support their school. To give some incentive we have a variety of prizes.

**Prize Raffle:** we have a variety of donated prizes that will be raffled off at our Prize Assembly in June. Kids can earn raffle tickets to use for the Prize Raffle in a few different ways:

**Early Bird** – return your pledge sheet and money by 3pm - Monday, May 1 – receive 1 prize raffle ticket

**Every \$10 raised** – students receive 1 prize raffle ticket for every \$10 that they personally raise in pledges.

**Class Prizes** – There is a selection of prizes for each class to choose from when they reach their class goal of \$3,000.

**Top Intermediate Student** – given to the student in Grades 4, 5, 6 or 7 who raises the most money.

**Top Primary Student** - given to the student in Grades K, 1, 2, or 3 who raises the most money.

**Special Draw** - All students who raise \$125+ in pledges will be entered into a special draw for a prize (to be unveiled shortly). To be eligible for this prize, all monies and pledge sheet must be returned by May 12, 2023.

*If you would like to donate a prize, please contact Brandy Harris at [catsyte@hotmail.com](mailto:catsyte@hotmail.com).*

### **Pledges:**

Attached is your family's Walkathon pledge sheet. All pledges must be clearly written in ink. Tax receipts are given for donations of \$25 or more. Please be sure to include on-line donors, so that we can easily apply those donations to your child's total for prizes.

We will accept cash, cheques and on-line pledges (where people can use their credit card) for all donations. DONORS CAN PLEDGE ONLINE USING THEIR CREDIT CARD:

<https://www.stjameselementary.ca/>

We ask that all monies and pledge sheets be brought back in the provided envelopes on May 1<sup>st</sup> (early bird deadline) or by Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> to be eligible for prizes.

*Students should be in full uniform and **always** accompanied by a parent. Another way to spread the word of this important fundraiser in your neighbourhood is to drop off a flyer at your neighbour's house. Please use the attached template and fill in the personal information required (first name only!) to ask your neighbours for pledges.*

### **Parent Participation:**

We require many parent helpers to ensure that everything runs smoothly and that it is a safe, rewarding day for everyone. As part of the St. James & St. Ann's Parent Participation Program; all families are required to assist with one of our fundraisers. Please watch for emails, the website or information in future editions of the Thunder News Flash for more information on how you can volunteer.

### **Additional Information:**

There will be a WALKATHON designated page on the school website, where you can find all the event information posted, including pledge sheets, prizes and event details. More information will also be included weekly in the Thunder News Flash. If you have any questions about the WALKATHON, please contact the school.

**Good luck and have fun collecting pledges.  
Together we can raise \$25,000!**