

SACS MARATHON 2009

GENERAL INFORMATION SHEET



What is the Marathon?

It's the ONLY ALL-SCHOOL mandatory fundraiser for SACS and its success each year is a tremendous example of how SACS families and staff pull together to accomplish our goals! All monies raised are used to offset the (rising) costs of providing quality education. All funds go directly to the SACS general fund which helps keep tuition down for all families. So if you are asked, "where does the money go?" It truly goes to support every part of our mission.

How does the Marathon raise money?

All students of SACS raise money by having friends, relatives and neighbors pledge money for their participation in our fun, community-building 2.9 mile walk, run or ride event. When everyone pulls together to have a part in this process, reaching our goal becomes possible!

How much money does the Marathon raise?

In 2008 the SACS' Marathon raised over \$125,000.00 in pledges. Our goal for pledges is once again \$125,000.00. We also raise money through the Marathon silent auction and other Marathon activities. But the most important piece of this is each family working on gaining pledges each year.

When and Where is the Marathon?

The Marathon events begin on Back-to-School night, August 27th. At that time, students can pick up their pledge sheets and begin collecting pledges. We'll be walking, running or riding around the Marathon course on Saturday, October 3rd between the hours of 8:30am to 11:00am starting from SACS parking lot. The Marathon is also a celebration and a chance for people to come together. We have games, food, a silent auction and music. Many families bring relatives and friends to join them.

How can I help the 2009 MARATHON be a success?

You can assist your children in getting pledges and you can volunteer to help on the day of the Marathon.

Look for the volunteer sign-up sheet at the Back-to-School night or call **Donna Korum at 952-934-6106, or Phyllis Zondlo at 952-404-6837, or Scott Breimhorst 952-445-3387 x171**. Everyone's help is needed and very much appreciated. If you need help, would like some advice or have questions, call any of us!

How is safety maintained through out our events?

The entire course is marked with orange cones and monitored by 60+ volunteers who use 2-way radios.

All necessary local permits are completed and notification of city officials is done prior to the event.

How does the MARATHON encourage students to achieve a personal goal?

Throughout the weeks of our "Rocking Event" students and classrooms will win prizes for participating in the Marathon.

On all Fridays and a few other scheduled days leading up to the Marathon, students will bring their pledge sheets to school to be collected by their teacher and tallied up by Marathon volunteers. The pledge sheets are then returned to the students that same day so they may continue collecting pledges. Classes with the most dollars pledged for the pledge turn-in days will be rewarded with a FUN party (cookies, ice cream, pop, donuts, pizza, etc.), which are all donated by local businesses. The students can wear their Marathon T-shirt every Friday starting with the first week of school. If our goal is achieved, T-shirts may be worn every Friday through January 2010.

Where do I get a pledge sheet and how do they work?

At Back-to School night you may pick up a pledge card at the Marathon table, or during the first week of school, a pledge card will be given to each student. A pledge is a stated dollar amount of money like (i.e. \$20). The most successful families have a PLAN and work SMARTER, not just harder. Putting together a list and using the phone or email is a great addition to the door-to-door walking in the neighborhoods most families do.

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