

Dear Parents and Families,

The St. Mary's Marathon fundraiser will be starting TODAY and we are ready to raise money for our amazing school. Once again, we will be providing service to the residents of Bird Island through raking leaves, pulling weeds or cleaning garages as a way to pay forward the kindness and generosity we receive during our Marathon. An ad will be posted in the bulletin looking for projects our school can do to serve the community on Wednesday, October 15th. If you know someone who could use our help, please contact Erin in the office to get on the list. We would love to have some parent volunteers with us on our work day to underscore the value of service to our children. If you are able to help, please sign the slip below and return it to your child's teacher. Our rain date will be the following Thursday, October 23rd.

As a fundraiser incentive, for every \$10 a student brings in, they will receive their name in a drawing for a \$10 gift card to Dairy Queen (limit 10 entries per day). The drawing starts new each day so students have 13 chances to win! Winners are picked during announcements and gift cards will be sent home that day. Class totals will also be counted each day. The class that brings in the most each day during the first week will win a water balloon fight. The class that brings in the most during the second week will receive 30 extra recess minutes along with an ice cream treat. The winning classes during the final week will get to choose their own celebratory dress up day.

Included is a set of thank you notes to hand to those who have given a donation for our Marathon. Feel free to cut them apart and have your child sign or color them! More can be found on the school's website to print and design as you wish!

Below you will find a list of our dress up days, as well as a volunteer sign up. Thank you for your support with the 2025 St. Mary's Marathon Fundraiser.

Sincerely,

St. Mary's School Marathon Committee

Dress Up Days:

Thursday, Oct 9th : Hats Off To Kindness (wear a hat with your church clothes)

Friday, Oct 10th: We are Powered by Kindness (wear your favorite superhero attire)

Monday, Oct 13th: Kindness Ties Us Together (wear a tie, bowtie or tie-dye)

Tuesday, Oct 14th: Don't Hide Your Kindness (wear camouflage or neon or both)

Wednesday, Oct 15th: Share the Spirit of Kindness (wear your St. Mary's spirit wear or blue/yellow)

I would like to volunteer on October 15th from 12:45-2:50pm.

Name: _____ **Phone number:** _____

Grade(s) that your child(ren) are in: _____