



ST. JOSEPH JOGATHON

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to a new school year and Jog-A-Thon 2011!

Throughout the school year, several fundraisers are held to raise money to provide financial assistance to our schools. One of the most important and profitable events which directly benefits Missoula Catholic Schools is the Jog-A-Thon. Last year, Jog-A-Thon raised approximately \$75,000 through the efforts of students, parents, and teachers. This is a very important event and we can't encourage you enough to get involved and make this the best year ever! Our goal for this year is \$50,000. **SJS has 260 students. This is an average of \$192.00 raised per student.** We are confident that we can achieve and surpass this goal.

What is Jog-A-Thon?

On the afternoon of September 23rd, our students will walk or jog around the 400-yard track at Rollin Field as many times as they can. **Last year, our top lap runners logged 43 laps each!** Prior to run day, students collect pledges, either for an amount per lap or a flat pledge amount. Students may begin collecting pledges beginning September 3rd. All pledge sheets must be turned in by September 23rd no later than 3:00 PM. Again this year alumni, parents and supporters are encouraged to participate in the **Jogathon 2011**. You may collect pledges to be donated to the school and run with your favorite SJS students. Pledge sheets are included in this packet for both students and adult participants.

Prizes

Your child will have many different opportunities to earn a prize during the Jog-A-Thon. We hope that we can clarify how this works, especially for families new to SJS and the Jog-A-Thon.

First Giving

New and exciting for Jog-a-thon this year! Students and families will have the luxury of utilizing First Giving as a means of collecting pledges. This easy, technologically advanced method will save students time requesting and collecting pledges. Access <http://www.firstgiving.com/MissoulaCatholicSchools/jog-a-thon-2011> for more information.

Pledge Sheet Money

Students should **not** turn in any money with their pledge sheets. Money will not be accepted in advance of the Jog-A-Thon. Families will be invoiced following the event or payments will be made by donors directly through First Giving.

Daily Prizes

A "daily prize" is earned each time your child turns in a qualifying pledge sheet. A qualifying pledge sheet meets the following criteria:

- A pledge sheet with at least \$50.00 in flat pledges & is signed by the parent/guardian
or
- A pledge sheet with at least \$50.00 in per lap pledges (assuming your child will run at least 10 laps) & signed by the parent/guardian
or
- A combination of the above

Daily prizes will be awarded on September 9th, September 16th and September 22nd in the lunchroom during lunchtime break. They include items such as small stuffed animals, rubber balls, pencils, pens, tattoos, lip gloss, fossils, stickers, trading cards, Dairy Queen treats, etc. **In addition, we will have the ever popular “Grade Boosters” and “Free Dress Passes”**. These are certificates that your child can use to “boost” a homework score by one letter grade or ditch their school uniform for the day.

Weekly Prizes

A “weekly prize” is earned during the pep assemblies on September 9th, September 16th and September 22nd. We welcome and encourage parents to attend these assemblies. They are a lot of fun (at least we think so)! Each time your child turns in a qualifying pledge sheet, they earn a chance to win a “weekly prize” at one of the Friday assemblies. We will draw 3 names from each class during these assemblies. The more qualifying pledge sheets your child turns in during the week, the more chances he/she has to win a “weekly prize” at the assemblies. The “weekly prizes” range from bean bag chairs, Griz tee-shirts, stuffed animals, footballs, soccer balls, basketballs, and gift cards from all sorts of businesses.

Grand Prizes

A “grand prize” is earned by the students in each class who raise the most money in pledges for the Jog-A-Thon. Examples of these fantastic prizes in past years include Wii gaming systems, portable DVD players, remote control cars and airplanes, Apple iPads, and gift cards to every imaginable store. The committee members work closely with the parents to make sure the grand prizes are just right for the students. The students in each class who run the most laps will receive a medal of honor. In addition, the students who run the most laps will have their names engraved on a plaque which will be on display at school, not to mention the bragging rights that go along with this distinction!

Classroom prizes

Each classroom that reaches their “classroom goal” will receive a pizza party. The students look forward to earning these parties, and it takes your support to make this happen. The classroom goals will be posted downstairs and updated weekly.

Donate a prize

Each year many parents step forward and donate additional prizes such as tickets to Griz football games or an awesome dance with a DJ. If you would like to donate a prize or money towards a prize, PLEASE CALL Michelle McCue at 251-2443. We would greatly appreciate any and all donations! Be creative-maybe you live on a ranch and could donate a hayride. Maybe you know a Grizzly athlete and could donate an autographed football or basketball. Or maybe you feel moved to write a check OF ANY AMOUNT to help us. We do use SCRIP as much as possible, and all donations are tax deductible.

Tee shirts

The theme for this year's Jog-A-Thon is "*Jog Like An Egyptian*". The tees were designed by talented SJS mom Mary Halloran. Jog-A-Thon tee shirts will be available for sale during school hours. The tee shirts can be worn in place of a uniform shirt on Fridays leading up to the Jog-A-Thon and the Grand Prize Assembly in October. Check out the awesome design on the cover of this packet.

Volunteers

Our committee is looking for parents to help with this year's run. Helping with Jog-A-Thon is a great way to form new friendships while logging volunteer hours.

Our committee is very excited for Jog-A-Thon 2011. We have been working hard to make this year's event a lot of fun and are hopeful that together we will achieve our fundraising goal. Thank you for your continued support and efforts.

Serving Missoula Catholic Schools,

Michelle McCue
Jog-A-Thon Chairperson

Attachments:

Pledge Sheet
Early Dismissal and 5K Permission Slip
Jog-A-Thon Schedule of Events
Spirit Week
Thank You Notes
Two-Way-Sponsor Letter

SJS Jog-A-Thon 2011

Early Dismissal and 5K Permission Slip

All students must have this form completed and returned to their teacher **on or before September 22, 2011**. Any student who has not turned in this permission form will not be allowed to participate in the 5K run and must return to the school with his/her class following Jog-A-Thon.

5K Permission (Limited to grades 6, 7, & 8)

(Student Name) _____ has permission to leave the Missoula Catholic School property for the sole purpose of participating in the Jog-A-Thon 5K run.

I, (Parent/Guardian Name, printed) _____ hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, do waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages of any nature which I might have against any organization, municipality or individuals associated with this event, and agree to hold harmless from any claim such parties. Joggers must be in good health to participate and there might be unmarked hazards on this course. I understand and accept these conditions.

(Parent/Guardian Signature & Date)

Early Dismissal/Pick-up*

My child, _____ will be picked up at Rollin Field following Jog-A-Thon on Friday, September 23, 2011.

My child, _____ will return to St. Joseph School with his/her class and be picked up, as usual, following Jog-A-Thon on Friday, September 23, 2011.

(Parent/Guardian Signature & Date)

*If your plans for picking up your child change after you have returned this form, PLEASE contact your child's teacher as soon as possible to inform him/her of your new plans.
Thank you!

JOG-A-THON 2011 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday 9/6 Pledge sheets collected (No Money accepted)

Wednesday 9/7 Pledge sheets collected (No Money accepted)

Thursday 9/8 Pledge sheets collected (No Money accepted)

Friday 9/9
Prize table during lunch!
Pep rally at 2:00 p.m.

Monday 9/12 Pledge sheets collected (No Money accepted)

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Wednesday 9/14 Pledge sheets collected (No Money accepted)

Thursday 9/15 Pledge sheets collected (No Money accepted)

Friday 9/16
Prize table during lunch!
Pep rally at 2:00 p.m.

SPIRIT WEEK

Monday 9/19 **PAJAMA DAY** Pledge sheets collected (No Money accepted)

Tuesday 9/20 **HAT DAY** Pledge sheets collected (No Money accepted)

Wednesday 9/21 **KING TUT/EGYPTIAN DAY** Pledge sheets collected (No Money accepted)

Thursday 9/22 **GRIZ DAY** Pledge sheets collected (No Money accepted)
Prize table during lunch!
Pep rally at 2:00 p.m.

Friday 9/23
JOG-A-THON DAY
Wear your Jog-a-thon t-shirt

Students will leave St. Joseph at 12:00 noon either by bus or on foot. The Jog-A-Thon will begin at 1:00 p.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. at which time the students are dismissed for the day.

SPIRIT WEEK

SEPTEMBER 19-23

This is a fun filled week to help the kids get excited about
JOG-A-THON 2011!

MONDAY – PAJAMA Day

Roll out of bed. Eat breakfast and grab your backpack.
You're all ready for school! But please, brush your teeth.
Wear your P.J.'s and be cozy all day long!

TUESDAY – HAT Day

Top off your noggin with your favorite hat!

WEDNESDAY – King Tut/Egyptian Day

Get ready to "Jog Like An Egyptian" with all the glitz and gold!

THURSDAY– GRIZ DAY

Wear your Griz gear. Go Griz!

FRIDAY – JOG-A-THON Day

Ready, set, GO!
Wear your Jog-A-Thon tee shirt.



Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Thanks so much for sponsoring me for the Jog-a-thon for St. Joseph's School.

I ran ___ laps or ___ miles in 90 minutes
and

I raised \$ _____ for my school!



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Saint Joseph Elementary School

Annual Jog-A-Thon Two-Way Sponsor Letter

From: _____ Homeroom Teacher: _____

Dear _____,

St. Joseph Elementary School is conducting its 26th annual Jog-A-Thon on September 23, 2011. Each year the students raise funds for our school by running laps around our track. The achievements of our schools are created by dedicated faculty, students, parents, and administrators, and individuals such as yourselves. I would appreciate your support by sponsoring me at this years Jog-A-Thon.

This year I will attempt to jog ____ laps. You can pledge me per each lap I complete or pledge a flat donation. Thank you again for your support.

Yes, I will sponsor you per: (lap ____) or (flat donation ____).
Please refold this pledge form so that the students address is showing

Pledge Per Lap

- | | |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| _____ .50 per lap | _____ 4.00 per lap |
| _____ .75 per lap | _____ 5.00 per lap |
| _____ 1.00 per lap | _____ 10.00 per lap |
| _____ 2.00 per lap | _____ 20.00 per lap |
| _____ 3.00 per lap | _____ Other |

Flat Pledge

- | | |
|--------------|--------------|
| _____ 20.00 | _____ 150.00 |
| _____ 30.00 | _____ 200.00 |
| _____ 40.00 | _____ 250.00 |
| _____ 50.00 | _____ 500.00 |
| _____ 100.00 | _____ Other |



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Students Address

Place
Stamp
Here

From:



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To:

Place
Stamp
Here

From: