



Welcome to a new St. Michael Fundraiser- Our first annual Read-A-Thon! In the spirit of Walk-A-Thon, we are introducing this fundraiser as a way to not only raise money for our PTO but to foster a love of reading in our students. Here's how it works:

The event will run from Saturday February 25 through Sunday March 5, 2023.

During that time students will record any minutes they read (or are read to) on the attached reading log. All reading counts, whether reading out loud, to yourself, or

being read to by another person. Each reading session will be initiated by a parent or guardian. During this time students are encouraged to solicit pledges from friends and family either as a flat amount or a "per minute read" amount. Donating is easy. You can log in to your A to Z Connect account at

https://stmichaelsharonville.membershiptoolkit.com/my_account or scan the QR code below. This is the same account, login, and password as you used for Walk-A-Thon. Or if you prefer to pledge by minutes read, you can fill out the attached pledge sheet and either turn in cash or check at the end of the event or use it to help you calculate a total that you can donate via credit card at A to Z Connect.

Here are some additional details to know:

- 1) Our theme this year is: Oh the Places You'll Go...with a Good Book (to Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday March 2nd)
- 2) To kick off our event Monday, Feb. 27 will be a Dress as your favorite book character day at school.
- 3) Every day students will have 15 minutes of DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) time during the school day which is already listed on the reading log (and an easy 75 minutes to get everyone started!)
- 4) Be sure to include minutes read in school
- 5) Completed reading logs and pledge forms with donations should be turned in no later than Monday, March 13.
- 6) We have set two goals for our school: We hope to read 100,000 minutes and raise \$10,000

Prizes awarded:

- 1) \$25 Amazon Gift card to the student that raises the most money in pledges
- 2) \$25 Barnes and Noble Gift card to the student in each grade category (K-2, 3-5 and 6-8) that reads the most minutes
- 3) An out of uniform pass to the student that reads the most minutes in each class
- 4) Every student who turns in a reading log and pledge form by Monday March 13 will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate to the St. Michael Spirit store
- 5) An Ice Cream Party to the class that reads the most minutes

And Finally---- If the school reaches both the "Minutes Read" and "Money Raised" goal the students will get to enjoy an Opening Day celebration March 30

If you have any questions you can email readstmichael@gmail.com

We hope this becomes an exciting new tradition at St. Michael and serves as a compliment to our Walk-A-Thon to further support the PTO.

