

2016 - 2017 Spell-A-Thon

Dear Parents,

It's time for the annual Spell-A-Thon, our 41st at St. Gabriel School! The students in grades 2 through 8 have a chance to show what excellent spellers they are while raising money for their school.

The Spell-A-Thon

The Spell-A-Thon is a written spelling test with sponsors donating money to the school for each word the student spells correctly, or as a flat fee for doing their best! Students will be given a list of words in advance by their teacher. Grades 2 and 3 are tested on 50 words, while grades 4 through 8 are tested on 100 words. This year, we are introducing Spellcity.com to help the students study. Simply use the following link:

<https://www.spellingcity.com/SpellingSG/>

The date of the written test will be chosen by the teacher, but will be during the week of January 3rd. Please confirm the date with your child's teacher.

Sponsors

Attached to this letter is the "Spell-A-Thon Sponsor Sheet". The minimum pledge is 25 cents (\$.25) per correctly spelled word. Sponsors are also welcome to pledge a flat fee of at least \$15.00. If your sponsors are all giving a flat fee, please feel free to send this money in with your sponsor sheet. Please, in the interest of accurate accounting, CHECKS ONLY. Checks should be made out to: SGPO Spellathon.

Oral Spelling Bee

Although the oral Spelling Bee is not part of the Spell-A-Thon fundraiser, it is associated with it. Words in the Oral Spelling Bee will not be from the same list as the written spelling test. Students who spell 97% of the words correctly on the written test can participate in the oral Spelling Bee, to be held in the library on Tuesday, January 17th, 2017. The winner of the Spelling Bee will go on to participate in The KPIX-TV Spelling Bee. You are invited to view the Spelling Bee "live" in the faculty room via our school TV system.

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Awards

- ◇The winner of the Oral Spelling Bee from each class will be Mrs. Beal's guest for a pizza and ice cream lunch in February 2017. (Date to be announced)
- ◇The school champion will receive \$50.
- ◇The two runners-up will receive \$25 each.
- ◇The student who raises the most funds will receive \$30.
- ◇The students who raise the second and third most funds will receive \$15 each.
- ◇Earn FREE DRESS by supporting your school with a \$15.00 or more donation. The date will be determined by Mrs. Beal.

Dates to Remember!

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| January 9 th | Sponsor sheets are due. |
| January 3 rd -9 th | Written testing takes place in individual classrooms. |
| January 17 th | Oral Spelling Bee. |
| February 13 th | All Spell-A-Thon pledge money due.
Must be returned by this date to be eligible for awards and prizes! |

Last year's Spell-A-Thon highlighted our students' outstanding achievement in spelling and was a successful fundraiser. Thank you all for your interest and support again this year.

Sincerely,

Mala Gurbuxami
Spell-A-Thon Chairperson

Ugly Christmas Sweater Day!

Dear Parents,
Wednesday, December 14, Ugly Christmas
Sweater Day will take place.

Students can wear an “ugly Christmas sweater” or other
Christmas accessories (For example: a Santa hat) **OVER**
their uniform.

This is a great way to get into the Christmas Spirit.

We wish you a Merry Christmas!



Student Council Secretary:

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