

# 2016 - 2017 Spell-A-Thon

Dear Parents,

It's time for the annual Spell-A-Thon, our 41<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 <sup>th</sup> .....                  | Sponsor sheets are due.   |
| January 3 <sup>rd</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> ..... | Written testing takes place in individual classrooms.   |
| January 17 <sup>th</sup> .....                 | Oral Spelling Bee.  |
| February 13 <sup>th</sup> .....                | All Spell-A-Thon pledge money due.<br>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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