



# LET YOUR FEET DO THE WALKING & MAKE AN IMPACT FOR ST. JAMES!

*SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2008 - 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM*

*THE CATHOLIC CENTER AT JEWETT AVE., BRIDGEPORT*

One of the biggest events and most profitable to all Catholic Schools is the annual Catholic Schools Marathon. This year's marathon is quickly approaching. Held at several different sites throughout the state, this is probably the largest joint Catholic School event in the state. The Walkathon is a long-standing tradition that is intended to be a fun family outing to increase awareness of Catholic Schools, build community spirit and to raise funds to directly and positively impact Catholic Education and specifically St. James, which receives 100% of all funds raised by our families through this event.

For any of you who have attended the Walkathon in past years, it is clear that some schools have a significant showing of families participating. For some schools, this is their premiere fundraiser such as Holy Family School in Fairfield. Holy Family raised \$44,000 last year through this event alone. Can you imagine the wonderful benefit this kind of participation could mean to St. James?

As many of you know, these are challenging economic times for many families and the impact of this crunch has hit our school. There is however, a great deal that can be done and we hope that every single family in school will rise to the challenge and TAKE A WALK FOR YOUR SCHOOL. If each family raises \$200 in pledges, this would generate over \$52,000 in direct revenue for our school. All we ask is that everyone do what you can to pitch-in because this one event could allow us to maintain the level of excellence and quality of education that you have come to expect & want for your children!

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPATION:

- 1. WAIVER**— Complete and return the attached waiver of Liability for each child. You can obtain additional copies through [www.stjamesstratford.org](http://www.stjamesstratford.org) — our website.
- 2. SECURE SPONSORS** - Go to friends, neighbors, relatives, local businesses and explain the purpose of the marathon. Bring the attached pledge form with you and have them pledge a flat donation, which may be collected at that time. This alleviates the need to go back and collect the money after the marathon. Please have all checks made out to St. James School. (Remember to ask your company about matching contributions.) Please turn-in your pledge sheets & donations no later than October 31st, 2008.
- 3. COME PREPARED AND SHOW YOUR SPIRIT**—Join us. Bring family, friends & neighbors. Students can wear their St. James sweat pants or sweatshirt to show school spirit or wear our school colors of green and white. The walk is on RAIN OR SHINE.
- 4. SIGN-IN**— Arrive between noon and 1:00 (the walk begins promptly at 1:00 p.m.) and sign-in at the St. James booth. Additional waiver forms will be available at the booth if necessary.
- 5. PRAY FOR SUN** - Come early — bring a brown bag lunch and picnic with friends beforehand. Tailgating is permitted.



*I hope to meet and see all of you on the 19<sup>th</sup>!* — Kelly Jeronczyk, Parent & Coordinator

P.S. If you can not be there, you can still collect pledges and sponsor Mr. Pavlich — our top walker!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE INVOLVED AS A VOLUNTEER TO PROMOTE THIS EVENT, PLEASE FILL-IN YOUR INFO BELOW AND SEND IT TO ME AT SCHOOL. THANK YOU.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE/day: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE/eve: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I can bake for the Walkathon \_\_\_\_\_ I can provide drinks (juice boxes)

\_\_\_\_\_ I can help at the Walkathon \_\_\_\_\_ I can help promote the Walkathon.

*Please return this volunteer form ASAP to the school office.*

