

Join us for the 2018 Rake-a-Thon!



All families are invited to join us for the **Rosary and Raking on November 2, 2018**. Use this envelope to bring in your money donations each Monday (pledge days) during October. Students can also wear their **4HG Rake-a-Thon T-Shirt** (with Uniform Bottoms) every Monday (pledge days) during October.

Rake-a-Thon Week Spirit Wear/Food Shelf Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29	30	31	1 Mass Day	2 Rosary Day
Spirit Wear: Rake-a-Thon T-Shirt/Uniform Pants Food Shelf: Cereals	Spirit Wear: Board Game Day - dress as your favorite board game or card game character (ex: Old Maid, Twister Board) Food Shelf: Peanut	Spirit Wear: Tie Day - Wear your favorite or the ugliest tie! Food Shelf: Toiletries	Spirit Wear: Dress as your favorite Saint! Food Shelf: Canned Soups	Rake-a-thon Day SJS Rosary (Gr. 8) Spirit Day: Rake-a-Thon T-Shirt/Jeans Food Shelf: Canned Fruits/Veges 1:00 PM Release

School Wide Fundraising Incentives

Average / Per Family	School Wide Incentive
\$160*	Out of Uniform Day
\$200*	All School Movie Day
\$250*	**Principal Incentive!** Donate towards your favorite Make a Principal Sundae Chicken for a Day Principal gets Neon Green Hair

*Average per family

****Principal Incentive!****

**Students can bring in their money donations to school starting Monday, October 15th-Friday, November 2. There will be three jars labeled outside of the school office from 7:30-7:55 AM each day. Students contribute their donations towards the incentive they would like to vote for. After Rake-a-Thon donations are tallied we will announce if the principal incentive has been met!

All donations towards the principal incentive will be donated to H2O for life. **

Individual Student Fundraising Incentives

Amount Raised	Student Incentive
\$250	Donut on your Desk
\$350	"No Homework" Pass Donut on your Desk
\$450	Dessert treat at Lunch "No Homework" Pass Donut on your Desk
\$550	Subway Lunch Dessert treat at Lunch "No Homework" Pass Donut on your Desk
\$750	Pizza with the Principal on the Rooftop! Subway Lunch Dessert treat at Lunch 1 No Homework Pass Donut on your Desk

2018 Rake-a-Thon FAQ's



What is the Rake-a-Thon?

St. Joseph Catholic School's annual Service Marathon is a wonderful tradition for our school. Since 1971, we have participated in the Minnesota Marathon for Nonpublic Education; however, in 2003 we changed the traditional walk/bike marathon into a Service Rake-a-Thon where our students, staff, and parents dedicate an entire day to serving others in Waconia and surrounding communities.

How does the Rake-a-Thon raise money?

Students are asked to share with friends, family members, and neighbors the great things we are accomplishing at St. Joe's and ask for a pledge commitment towards the Minnesota Marathon for Nonpublic Education (Rake-a-Thon). The money raised goes towards the school (Fair Share).

How does the Rake-a-Thon event work?

The Rake-a-Thon itself will be on **Friday, November 2**. The day will begin by gathering together for Mass at 8:15 AM. After Mass, the kids will be broken into teams to rake leaves in the Waconia, Cologne, St. Bonifacius and Victoria communities.

How do I sign up to volunteer at the Rake-a-Thon? What volunteer opportunities are there?

All parents/grandparents who wish to volunteer, should sign up to volunteer so we can put you on a raking team. Sign up information is included in weekly newsletters and/or available on our school website. Opportunities include raking, picking up bags of leaves—trucks/trailers needed!, Rake-a-Thon team chaperones (this would be a team leader/captain that would keep the office apprised on the status of each raking team during the Rake-a-Thon day.)

How does lunch work? Can I (as a parent) eat lunch too?

When field projects are complete, teams will return to school for lunch. School lunch for Rake-a-Thon day is cook's choice. Parents/Grandparents/Special Friends can sign up for lunch with their child's teacher that day.

Can I take my child home after the Rake-a-Thon day is done?

Yes! Most Rake-a-Thon teams will be done earlier than the normal school dismissal time. Parents can take their child(ren) home after lunch. Check out with your teacher (Gr. K-4) or the office (Gr. 5-8).

How can I ask my family and friends to donate to this cause?

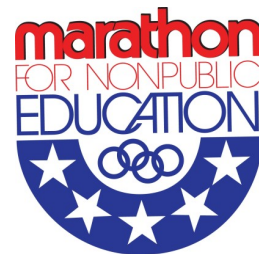
The best way to ask for your family and friends to donate to the Rake-a-Thon is by asking in person or sharing the letter (on the following page). The letter on the following page was created for families to utilize in asking for donations.

Do I need complete VIRTUS training?

Yes. All parents and volunteers need to complete Virtus training to attend and volunteer on the Rake-a-Thon day. To complete your training or answer any questions, visit www.virtus.org or email Emily at schooloffice@stjosephwaconia.org.

What if it rains on Rake-a-Thon Day?

We will be raking rain or shine! Please be sure your students are dressed appropriately for the day. Dress in layers.



Dear Friends and Family,

My school, St. Joseph Catholic School in Waconia, is having its annual *Marathon for Nonpublic Education* on November 2, 2018.

St. Joseph Catholic School devotes a day to performing service acts throughout the community. We do this through our annual service Rake-a-Thon. We have been raking lawns in the St. Bonifacius, Victoria and Waconia communities for the past 15 years.

Our Day of Service

- All School Family Rosary
- Break into student and parent teams to rake the yards of community members who need a hand with seasonal lawn maintenance in our town and surrounding communities.
- Hosting a food drive for the Waconia United Food Shelf.

I would appreciate it very much if you would sponsor me with a donation to support our efforts. This is a very important fundraiser for our school, and all of the money we raise goes directly to school needs. Please complete the donation form below and mail it directly to me, along with your donation check made payable to St. Joseph Catholic School. **All donations must be turned into our school office by Monday, November 5, 2018.** Thank you very much for your support!

In Christ,

Student Name

I wish to show my support for you and your school.

I will donate \$_____ for the 2018 St. Joseph Catholic School Rake-a-Thon. I wish you the best of luck in your special day!

Student/Family Name

Sponsor Signature