



Resources and Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Student Fundraiser?

The student fundraiser is an annual event that allows students to give back to the school they love so much! This event teaches students about philanthropy and raises funds to support all the things that make St. Mary's great, including academics, extra-curricular activities, and tuition assistance. The funds raised will help to support the entire community of St. Mary's. Each student is required to raise \$200 for the student fundraiser

When is the Student Fundraiser?

The event kicks off on Monday, October 3 and ends on Friday, October 28.

Who should students ask for donations?

This is their opportunity to share with neighbors, aunts, uncles, church friends, and their parent's co-workers what SMA means to them and give them an opportunity to contribute. This isn't just about asking their parents for a donation, but about spreading the web of support for St. Mary's Academy. In this packet, there is a contact idea list to help them think of people to ask!

How long is the walk?

This low-intensity and high-fun walk is three-miles long and begins at SMA. It loops around the Willamette River along Waterfront Park, across the Hawthorne Bridge, and then up the Eastbank Esplanade, across the Steel Bridge and back to school.

With whom do I walk?

You will be dismissed by TA (seniors first!) and will walk with your class.

Can people make donations online?

Yes! Each student is required to make a fundraising page and they can share it on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and via email. Donating online is a quick and easy alternative to writing a check. Information about how to set up a page can be found on the student fundraiser website: <https://www.stmaryspdx.org/studentfundraiser>

What if I can't participate in the walk? (injury, illness, physical limitation, etc.)

If you cannot participate in the walk, you can still participate in the fundraiser (and movie day!) by collecting donations and meeting your personal fundraising goal of \$200. You are still eligible to win all of the prizes and participate in all of the fun. The day of the walk you will be assigned a task at SMA to assist with the production of the event or cheer on your fellow students.

What do I do with donation envelopes?

Donation envelopes can be turned in at any time to the student fundraiser drop box located in the front office.

What tools do students have to fundraise?

The student fundraiser info page: <https://www.stmaryspdx.org/student-fundraiser-resources>

- Customizable letter/email template

- SMAporters (SMAporters are people who want to donate to the student fundraiser but don't have a student to donate to. Contact Kerry Wright if you are aware of a student who would benefit from a SMAporter.
- Individual Fundraising Page
- YOU and the awesome supportive SMA community

Who do I ask if I have more questions?

Please reach out to Kerry Wright at kerry.wright@smapdx.org

Thank you for supporting your school and your fellow students!