



Reading Rally Guide 2025

A longstanding school tradition, Reading Rally is the largest fundraiser for our scholarship fund, providing tuition assistance so that more families with our shared faith and values may join our Providence community.

SCHEDULE

- **Solicit and collect pledges:** January 10 - February 9
- **Donation submission deadline:** February 21
- **Log Reading Rally minutes:** January 16, at 6:30 a.m. until February 9, at 10:00 p.m.

THEME

- *Brilliant Biographies*—books that celebrate the life of famous Americans, heroes of the faith, heroes of history, and more
- See the Family Read-Aloud Choice Books for our *Brilliant Biographies* selections

PARTICIPATION

- Required for all students in Classes 1-6 students
- Strongly encouraged for Classes 7 and 8

3 Steps to Reading Rally Success

1. Seek sponsorships.

- The heart of the Rally is student participation in both reading and soliciting sponsorships. Contact friends, family, and businesses for sponsorships. Personal phone calls, texts, or letters are appropriate. A **sample donor letter** is available on the Parent Portal.
- Donors can either contribute a lump sum or pledge based on the number of minutes your child reads.
- Pledges are tracked in the Reading Rally Log submitted each Sunday by 10:00 p.m.
- To contribute, donors may either:
 1. Give at PCSTX.org/Give
 2. Send you, the parent, a check addressed to Providence Christian School (Memo line: Reading Rally–student name)
- Parents will place all checks in the envelope received at the end of the Rally and return the envelope to the School by February 21.

2. Set a goal for the number of minutes your child will read.

- Incentives and recognition will be given to individual students who achieve certain reading goals and to classes reading the most minutes each week and overall. (See Incentives section)
- While goal-setting is important, the heart behind the Reading Rally is to enjoy and learn from great books while giving back to the School.

3. Start reading and logging your minutes.

- Begin counting Rally minutes on January 16, at 6:30 a.m. until February 9, at 10:00 p.m.

Classes 1-6:

- Record minutes read and pledges secured for each student using the **Reading Rally Log** located in the Parent Portal.
- Email your **Reading Rally Log** each Sunday by 10:00 p.m. to RRLogs@pcstx.org. Do not email it to your child's teacher or turn in a hard copy.

Classes 7-8:

- Report minutes on **paper reading logs** during English class on Mondays. Do not submit online reading logs.
- Turn in a **pledge log** with any new pledges each week by emailing RRLogs@pcstx.org or submitting a hard copy to your English teacher.

Record of Books Read

Students will receive a **Record of Books Read** chart in their folder or on the Parent Portal. Students should keep the chart in their folders so teachers may ensure book quality.



Parent Portal



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READING RALLY RULES

	Class 1	Classes 2-6	Classes 7-8
Approved Readers	<p><u>Student</u>: oral reading (silent reading only with teacher approval). May include assigned homework reading.</p> <p><u>Adult or older sibling</u>: reading aloud.</p> <p><u>Audio</u>: limited (capped at 200 minutes per week).</p>	<p><u>Student</u>: oral or silent reading. May include assigned homework reading.</p> <p><u>Adult or older sibling</u>: reading aloud.</p> <p><u>Audio</u>: limited (capped at 200 minutes per week).</p>	<p><u>Student</u>: oral or silent reading. May include assigned non-math or non-Latin homework reading.</p> <p><u>Adult</u>: reading aloud.</p> <p><u>Audio</u>: Limited (capped at 200 minutes per week).</p>
Approved Reading	<p>Bible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Bible reading, including daily assigned reading, is approved for minutes ESV, NIV, or equivalent translation <i>THE CHILDREN'S STORY BIBLE</i> by Catherine Vos is approved for Class One students <p>Books from the following sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Providence Recommended Reading List (available here: www.pctx.org/community/reading-lists), including the "35 Great Books by Grade" The Providence Library The Providence Book Fair Approved by the Librarian (mmiller@pctx.org) <p>Approved Format:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Books with a spine (no e-books, tablets, e-readers, or magazine articles) Limited audio books (capped at 200 minutes per week only) 		
Additional Guidelines	<p>Minutes may be logged outside of school hours:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading on Providence grounds during school hours (in class, on playground, at lunch, or in carpool line) may not be logged. Reading during school hours while a child is sick at home may not be logged <p>Discussion regarding Reading Rally should be directed toward books read, not comparison of minutes logged.</p>		

CALENDAR

January 10: Students may begin gathering pledges

Week 1:

January 13: Rookie Mom Meeting for Class 1 and new moms (all parents welcome!):

- 8:30 a.m. in-person in Small Chapel (preferred)
- 7:30 p.m. Zoom meeting

January 16:

- Rally begins at 6:30 a.m. Start logging minutes!
- Kick-off Events:
 - **Classes 1-4:** Kick-Off Assembly and competition in Gym before afternoon carpool
 - **Classes 5-6:** Knock-Out Tournament and donuts during morning break
 - **Classes 7-8:** Donuts during morning break

January 19: Email Week 1 Reading Rally Log by 10:00 p.m.*

Week 2:

January 20: MLK Holiday-no school

January 21: Wear Reading Rally T-shirts/Week 1 individual and class winners announced and incentives distributed

January 26: Email Week 2 Reading Rally Log by 10:00 p.m.*

Week 3:

January 27: Wear Reading Rally T-shirts

January 28: Week 2 individual/class winners announced and incentives distributed

February 2: Email Week 3 Reading Rally Log by 10:00 p.m.*

Week 4:

February 3: Wear Reading Rally T-shirts

February 4: Week 3 individual/class winners announced and incentives distributed

February 9: Email Week 4 Reading Rally Log by 10:00 p.m.*

PLEDGE COLLECTION AND CELEBRATION

February 10: Wear Reading Rally T-shirts

February 11: Week 4 individual/class winners announced and incentives distributed

February 14:

- Overall individual winners per grade level announced at Chapel
- Pledge envelopes sent home with youngest child in family to collect outstanding pledges

February 20: Pizza Parties for overall class winners

February 21: Deadline to turn in pledged collection checks (in provided envelopes) and complete online gifts

*Email Reading Rally Log each Sunday to RRLogs@pcstx.org.

BONUS MINUTES: CLASSES 1-6

1. Kickoff Bonus

Record kickoff bonus minutes earned during Kickoff events in the Week 1 Log. You will receive an email noting the kickoff bonus minutes earned.

2. Doubled Minutes (Classes 7-8: No double minutes)

Eligible for a maximum of 120 doubled minutes per week.

Students receive double minutes for the following categories:

A. Dad Minutes

- Minutes read by the father. If family circumstances warrant an exception, please ask for approval from your homeroom teacher
- Reading by any other adult should be recorded as "adult-to-student" minutes

B. Bible Minutes

- Bible reading minutes by student or adult are doubled
- If a father reads the Bible to his children, these minutes are doubled only once and may be logged as *either*
 1. Dad reads 60 minutes each week = doubled to 120
 2. Any adult reads 60 Bible minutes = doubled to 120.
 3. Dad reads 60 Bible minutes during the week = doubled only once to 120
- Any minutes above the max doubled 120 minutes still count, but not doubled

3. Choice Books

Students receive additional Bonus Minutes (max: 200) by reading Choice books from these two categories:

- **Grade-Level Choice Books = 100 bonus minutes:** Any book from the "35 Great Books List" by grade.
- **Family Read-Aloud Books** displaying the 2025 Reading Rally theme = 100 bonus minutes.

*Classes 1-4:

- Childhood of *Famous Americans* series
- Biographies in the *Landmark* series*
- Any biography on your grade's Top 35 List

*Classes 5-8:

- *Men and Women of Faith* series
- *Heroes of the Faith* series
- *Heroes of History* series
- *Sower* series
- Any biography on your grade's Top 35 List

***IMPORTANT:** See notes at the bottom of page 4 for guidelines and additional requirements for qualifying Choice books.

How to log Choice Books on the Reading Rally Log:

- On the Summary tab, enter "yes" when asked whether your child completed one or both categories of Choice Books. The spreadsheet will automatically add 100 bonus minutes for each Choice book category.

INCENTIVES

INCENTIVES FOR ALL CLASSES 1-8 STUDENTS:

- All students with at least \$150 in sponsorship earn a free Reading Rally T-shirt to be worn on designated school days. For students who would like to wear the T-shirt but do not solicit \$150 in sponsorship, the cost is \$10.
- Students turning in pledges by Friday, February 21, will receive:
 - Classes 1-4: one "all homework" pass
 - Classes 5-8: 10 quiz points to spend in any one class

HOW INCENTIVES ARE CALCULATED:

- For Classes 1-6, incentives are calculated based on minutes and pledges turned in on-time each Sunday by 10:00 p.m. through the Reading Rally Log to RRlogs@pcstx.org.
- For Classes 7-8, incentives are calculated based on minutes and pledges submitted during English Class the first day of the school week. If a Class 7 or 8 student is absent, email minutes to English teacher and RRlogs@pcstx.org by noon.

CLASSES 1-6

Weekly

Individual: Classes 1-6 students will earn a weekly homework pass and a prize for reading at least:

Class 1	Classes 2-3	Classes 4-5	Class 6
180 student-read oral minutes	280 student-read oral or silent minutes	300 student-read oral or silent minutes	200 student-read oral or silent minutes

Class: Each week, the section in each grade with the highest average number of minutes read and the section in each grade with the highest average amount of pledges will earn a trip to the **Tuesday Snack Bar**.

Overall

Individual: The top individual overall reader and the top fundraiser in each grade will be recognized in Chapel on February 14.

Individual overall reading incentives: Students who achieve the following cumulative minutes read throughout the Rally will receive a Medal.

	Class 1	Classes 2-4	Classes 5-6
GOLD	2,600+	3,500+	2,600+
SILVER	2,200-2,599	2,600-3,499	2,200-2,599
BRONZE	1,800-2,199	2,200-2,599	1,800-2,199

* Classes 5-6 only: Students who earn a medal will also earn a 5-point test coupon, used with teacher approval.

Class: The section in each grade with the highest average number of minutes read, and the section in each grade with the highest average amount of pledges will earn a **Pizza Party**.

CLASSES 7-8

Weekly

Individual: a homework pass awarded for reading at least 200 minutes and reporting on time.

Overall

Individual:

- Top reader and fundraiser from each class earn an early release from school, lunch, and a fun outing with two teachers.
- Students collecting and turning in all collected pledges by Friday, February 21, earn 10 quiz points to spend in any one class.
- Students who read 800 minutes and raise at least \$150 will earn 5 test points. To use the five test point coupon, student will get teacher approval, staple coupon to approved test, and return to teacher.

Collective:

- If Classes 7-8 collectively raise at least \$11,250 and read at least 60,000 minutes, they will win a casual dress day and an extended lunch picnic.

QUESTIONS?

- See FAQ page on the Parent Portal
- Send additional questions to Elizabeth Vincy and Hallie Lewis at readingrallychairs@gmail.com
- Email Reading Rally Logs to: RRlogs@pcstx.org

IMPORTANT NOTE ON CHOICE BOOKS

- *Landmark* series books must be purchased from the Providence Book Fair, checked out from the school library, or approved by Melissa Miller or Reading Rally Chairs. (New *Landmark* series books available on Amazon are abridged and not approved).
- A younger student may read any biography approved for a higher grade, with parent approval. Please direct questions to Melissa Miller (mmiller@pcstx.org).