



Reading Rally 2025 FAQs

What are the Important Dates I should remember?

- Monday, January 13, at 8:30 a.m. (Small Chapel in person) or 7:30 p.m. ([Zoom](#) only) – Rookie Moms Meeting for Class One and New Moms (all moms welcome to attend)
 - Zoom link for 7:30 p.m. meeting [here](#)
- Thursday, January 16, at 6:30 a.m.: Reading Rally Begins – Kickoff events held that day
- Every Sunday: Electronic Reading Rally Logs due at 10:00 p.m. to RRLogs@pcstx.org (*Classes 7-8: reading logs due on the first day of the school week to their English teacher*)
- Week 1: Thursday, January 16 – Sunday, January 19
 - Note: This is a holiday weekend, but logs are still due on Sunday.
- Week 2: Monday, January 20 – Sunday, January 26
- Week 3: Monday, January 27 – Sunday, February 2
- Week 4: Monday, February 3 – Sunday, February 9
- Sunday, February 9: Reading Rally ends – logs due by 10:00 p.m.
- Friday, February 14: Overall individual and class winners announced at Chapel. For families with outstanding pledges, collection envelopes will be sent home with the youngest student in each family.
- Friday, February 21: Pledged donations due by this date. Turn in all checks in the provided envelope and/or ensure online donations are complete.

Is participation required?

- Reading Rally is *mandatory* for all students in Classes 1-6, and strongly encouraged for Classes 7 and 8.

Why does Providence have a Reading Rally?

- Reading Rally is the single largest fundraiser for our scholarship fund. The intent of the Rally is to raise money for scholarships and enhance each student's reading proficiency by reading great literature.

How do I begin asking for pledges and donations?

- Great question! Keeping in mind the intent of the Rally, we encourage student participation on this front. Students (with parent help if needed) can consider reaching out to family, friends, and even businesses to sponsor their reading efforts—either in a lump sum donation or a pledge per minute read. We have found in-person visits, phone calls, texts, and personalized letters all to be effective.

A Sample Donation Request Letter can be found on the Parent Portal or on the Providence App's Reading Rally page.

What are the important Reading Rally documents?

Here are the important documents you will want to have handy. We suggest printing them and keeping them close by!

- Reading Rally 2025 Guide
- Reading Rally Logs
- Sample Donation Request Letter

Where can I find the Reading Rally documents?

- All documents are available on the Providence "[Parent Portal](#)" online and in the Providence App. These documents should contain all the necessary information you need for success!

How should I guide my child in choosing a reading goal?

- This service project, like any other, will involve sacrifice. Students will sacrifice some of the ways in which they spend their after-school and weekend time; and moms and dads will put aside to-do lists to read intentionally to their children.
- The reading goals are designed to encourage thoughtful, enjoyable reading by families. We encourage you to visit with your children about how family time will change for a month as you discuss their reading goals.

What do I need to have my child turn in each week?

- Classes 1-6:
 - Each student is required to keep a Reading Rally Log (available in Excel and Numbers format in the [Parent Portal](#)) of minutes read and pledges received.
 - Logs are due each Sunday evening and should be emailed to Master Tallier at rrlogs@pcstx.org by 10:00 pm.
 - NO logs are emailed or given directly to the teacher.
- Class 7 and 8:
 - Each Monday (unless it lands on a holiday), students will report their minutes on a paper reading log during English class. Do not submit reading online. However, pledges are submitted online using the Class Seven and Eight Pledge Log.
 - You can email your child's Pledge log to Master Tallier at rrlogs@pcstx.org or your child can submit a hard copy to their English teacher.
 - *If your child will be absent on a Monday*, you may email the reading minutes to the English teacher or rrlogs@pcstx.org by noon.

For all the details you need to log minutes and pledges, please read the Welcome Tab of the Excel/Numbers Spreadsheet.

Is there a tool to track Minutes Read and Pledges Received during the week before I complete the electronic Reading Rally Log each Sunday?

- Yes, we have provided Worksheets for you or your student to use during the week before entering your final minutes into the electronic Reading Rally Log.
- In the Reading Rally Log Excel/Numbers doc, you will see Tabs labeled: *Reading Worksheet* and *Pledge Worksheet*. These are *printable tools* for you and your student to use each week to track your minutes and pledges.

- You may use these worksheets to fill in the electronic log each Sunday evening.

What Are Reading Rally Kick-Off Events and Kick-Off Bonus Minutes?

- On Thursday, January 16, there will be fun Reading Rally Kick-Off events for Classes 1-6 in which representatives for each grade will compete in games to earn bonus minutes for their classmates.
- After the event, you will be notified of your child's Kick-Off Bonus Minutes via email by your class's room mom.
- These bonus minutes are recorded in Week 1 of the Reading Rally Log.

Week 1 is a short week! Are incentive minutes adjusted accordingly?

- Yes, you will see on the Reading Rally Log that Week 1 reading incentive goals are prorated for the shorter week.

Why do I need to keep the Record of Books Read in my child's folder?

- A hard copy RECORD OF BOOKS READ should be kept in your student's folder or binder at all times so that teachers may reference these lists at their convenience to ensure quality material is being read.

Why are there Double-Dad and Double-Bible Minutes, and how do they work?

- We award double minutes for time reading with Dad and time reading the Bible to encourage and reward Dad participation in Reading Rally and to encourage time in God's Word.
- Please refer to the Reading Rally Guide– Bonus Minutes section for a detailed explanation on how these doubled minutes should be recorded.
- *Classes 7-8:* No doubled or bonus minutes

Do daily assigned reading and daily Bible reading count for Rally minutes?

- Yes, please refer to the Reading Rally Guide – Rules section for further details.

What are Reading Rally Choice Books?

- There are two types of Choice Books—grade-level books and family read-aloud books. Each student may receive 200 Choice Book Bonus Minutes (100 per book) by choosing to read one grade-level choice book and/or one family read-aloud choice book.
- The Summary tab on the Excel Reading Log will ask if your child completed one or more of these books.
- You will simply answer “yes” to add the bonus minutes to your child's log--100 minutes for each Choice book category (200-minute max bonus for Choice books)
- Grade-level Choice Books: Any book from the “35 Great Books List” by grade found at: www.pcctx.org/community/reading-lists
- Family Read-Aloud Choice Books displaying the 2025 Reading Rally Theme *Brilliant Biographies*:

Classes 1-4: any biography from the following series:

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

Grades 5-8: any biography from the following series:

Men and Women of Faith series
Heroes of the Faith series

Heroes of History series
The *Sowers* series
Any biography on your grade's Top 35 list**

- Landmark series books must be purchased from the Providence book fair, checked out from the Providence 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 content approval. (Questions regarding content can be directed to Melissa Miller mmiller@pcstx.org).

What are Reading Rally Class Parties? Do they occur on a specific date/time?

- For Classes 1-6, each class section *may* (but is not required to) plan a reading party after school to read and earn minutes together.
 - Only Classes 1 and 2 may have a reading class party on campus. (Reading Rally Party Coordinator to book room with Marin Stone, mstone@pcstx.org)
 - All others may be held off-campus at a home or other location.
 - Requiring payment to participate in a Reading Rally Party is prohibited.
 - Should your class choose to have a reading party, your class's Reading Rally Party Coordinator will provide your class's party details.
 - *Note: these class-planned reading parties are separate from the February 20, end-of-rally pizza parties, which are organized by Reading Rally Incentive Chairs and awarded to the Overall Top Reading and Pledge sections in each grade.*
 - Date/Time: Your class's Reading Party Coordinator (along with your teacher) will plan a convenient date/time (and if on campus, obtain approval from teacher and Marin Stone).
 - Length: Up to two hours

Additional questions? Please contact Reading Rally Chairs:

- Elizabeth Viney and Hallie Lewis at ReadingRallyChairs@gmail.com
- Classes Seven and Eight: Please contact Eileen Ohanian at cohanian@pcstx.org