



Reading Rally Guide 2026

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 9 – February 8
- **Donation submission deadline:** February 20
- **Log Reading Rally minutes:** Thursday, January 15, at 6:30 a.m. until Sunday, February 8, at 10:00 p.m.

THEME

- *Tall Tales of Texas*—Celebrate Texas heritage and history through books that highlight Texas heroes, Texas places, and Texas legends. Through biography, fiction, and more, students will have an opportunity to dive into the rich Texas lifestyle we all know and love.
- See the Family Read-Aloud Choice Books for our *Tall Tales of Texas* selections.

PARTICIPATION

- Required for all students in Classes One-Six students
- Strongly encouraged for Classes Seven and Eight

3 Steps to Reading Rally Success

1. Seek Sponsorships.

- The heart of the Reading 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 20.

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 Reading Rally minutes on January 15, at 6:30 a.m. until February 8, at 10:00 p.m.

Classes One–Six:

- 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 Seven–Eight:

- 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 One	Classes Two-Six	Classes Seven-Eight
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.pestx.org/community/reading-lists), including the “35 Great Books by Grade” • The Providence Library • The Providence Book Fair • Approved by the Librarian (mmiller@pestx.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 9: Students may begin gathering pledges.

Week 1:

January 12: Rookie Parent Meetings for Class One and new parents:

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

January 15:

- Rally begins at 6:30 a.m. Start logging minutes!
- Kick-off Events:
 - **Classes One-Four:** Kick-off Assembly and competition in the Great Hall at 2:00 p.m.
 - **Classes Five-Six:** Knock-out tournament and donuts during morning break
 - **Classes Seven-Eight:** Donuts during morning break

January 18: Email Week 1 Reading Rally Log by 10:00 p.m.*

Week 2:

January 19: MLK Holiday—no school

January 20: Wear Reading Rally T-shirts/Week 1 individual and class winners announced and incentives distributed

January 25: Email Week 2 Reading Rally Log by 10:00 p.m.*

Week 3:

January 27: Wear Reading Rally T-shirts/Week 2 individual and class winners announced and incentives distributed

February 1: Email Week 3 Reading Rally Log by 10:00 p.m.*

Week 4:

February 3: Wear Reading Rally T-shirts/Week 3 individual and class winners announced and incentives distributed

February 8: Email Week 4 Reading Rally Log by 10:00 p.m.*

PLEDGE COLLECTION AND CELEBRATION

February 10: Wear Reading Rally T-shirts/ Week 4 individual and class winners announced and incentives distributed

February 13:

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

February 19: Pizza Parties for overall class winners

February 20: Deadline to turn in pledged collection checks (in provided envelopes) and complete online gifts

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

BONUS MINUTES: CLASSES ONE-SIX

1. Kick-Off Bonus

Record kick-off bonus minutes earned during kick-off events in the Week 1 Log. You will receive an email noting the kick-off bonus minutes earned.

2. Doubled Minutes (*Classes Seven-Eight: No doubled 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* Dad or Bible minutes.
 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 120 double minutes still count, but not doubled.

3. Choice Books

Students receive *additional* bonus minutes by reading Choice Books from the three categories listed below. Each student may receive a maximum of 300 bonus minutes (100 points per book). Only 100 bonus minutes can be earned in each of the three categories:

1. **Any book from your grade’s “35 Great Books List”**
2. **Books by our 2026 visiting author, Katy Rose **new this year****
3. **Family Read-Aloud Books** displaying the 2026 Reading Rally theme, *Tall Tales of Texas*:

- **Class One:** *Billy & Blaze, Miss Ladybird’s Wildfires; The White Stallion; The Adventures of Dusty; Eyewitness Cowboy*
- **Class Two:** *Liberty, Justice and Frall; Davy Crockett CFA; The White Stallion; The Adventures of Dusty*
- **Class Three:** *Abernathy Boys, Texas Tomboy*
- **Class Four:** *Up the Trail from Texas*
- **Classes Five-Six:** *Davy Crockett in his Own Words*
- **Classes Seven-Eight:** Any Texas Biography

How to log Choice Books on the Reading Rally Log:

On the Summary tab, enter “yes” when asked whether your child completed each category of Choice Books. The spreadsheet will automatically add 100 bonus minutes for each Choice Book category.

INCENTIVES

INCENTIVES FOR ALL CLASSES ONE-EIGHT 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 20, will receive:
 - Classes One-Four: one "all homework" pass
 - Classes Five-Eight: 10 quiz points to spend in any one class

HOW INCENTIVES ARE CALCULATED:

- For Classes One-Six, 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 Seven-Eight, incentives are calculated based on minutes and pledges submitted during English Class the first day of the school week. If a Class Seven or Eight student is absent, email minutes to English teacher and RRlogs@pcstx.org by noon.

CLASSES ONE-SIX

Weekly

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

Class One	Classes Two-Three	Classes Four-Five	Class Six
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 13.

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

	Class One	Classes Two-Four	Classes Five-Six
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 Five-Six only: Students who earn a medal will also earn a 5 test point 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 SEVEN-EIGHT

Weekly

Individual: Classes 7-8 students will earn a weekly homework pass 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 20, 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 5 test point coupon, student will get teacher approval, staple coupon to approved test, and return to teacher.

Collective:

- If Classes Seven-Eight collectively raise at least \$9,300 and read at least 49,600 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 Hallie Lewis and Lee Ellen Darden at readingrallychairs@gmail.com.
- Email Reading Rally Logs to: RRlogs@pcstx.org.



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