



## Reading Rally 2026 FAQs

### What are the Important Dates I should remember?

*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

### **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?**

- 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 [Reading Rally page](#) in the Parent Portal.

### **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 2026 Guide](#)
- [Sample Donation Request Letter](#)

### **Where can I find the Reading Rally documents?**

- All documents are available on the [Reading Rally page](#) in the Providence website Parent Portal, as well as 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?**

- “Students will change some of the ways in which they spend their after-school and weekend time; and moms and dads can set aside special time to read intentionally to their children. Reading Rally is fun and challenging!
- 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 on the [Reading Rally page](#)) of minutes read and pledges received.
  - Logs are due each Sunday evening and should be emailed by a parent to our Master Tallier at [rrlogs@pcstx.org](mailto:rrlogs@pcstx.org) by 10:00 p.m.
  - Please do *not* turn in logs to your child's teacher, either by hand or by email.

- Classes 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 Classes Seven and Eight Pledge Log.
  - You can email your child's Pledge log to Master Tallier at [rrlogs@pcstx.org](mailto: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](mailto:rrlogs@pcstx.org) by noon.

For all the details you need to log minutes and pledges, please read the Welcome Tab of your reading/pledge log.

### **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 15, 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.
- We are happy to help your family make a different arrangement if needed. Email [ReadingRallyChairs@gmail.com](mailto:ReadingRallyChairs@gmail.com).
- 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 three types of Choice Books: grade-level books, family read-aloud books, and books by this year’s visiting author, Katy Rose. Each student may receive a maximum of 300 Bonus Minutes (100 points per book). Only 100 Bonus Minutes can be earned per category.
  - **Grade-level Choice Books:** Any book from the “35 Great Books List” by grade found at: [www.pcstx.org/community/reading-lists](http://www.pcstx.org/community/reading-lists)
  - **Family Read-Aloud Choice Books** displaying the 2026 Reading Rally Theme, Tall Tales of Texas:
    - **Class 1:** *Billy & Blaze, Miss Ladybird’s Wildfires, The White Stallion, The Adventures of Dusty, Eyewitness Cowboy*
    - **Class 2:** *Liberty, Justice and Frall; Davy Crockett CFA; The White Stallion; The Adventures of Dusty*
    - **Class 3:** *Abernathy Boys, Texas Tomboy*
    - **Class 4:** *Up the Trail from Texas*
    - **Class 5 and Class 6:** *Davy Crockett in his Own Words*
    - **Class 7 and Class 8:** Any Texas Biography
  - Any book by Katy Rose, this year’s visiting author
- 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 (300-minute max bonus for Choice books)

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

- For Classes 1-6, each class section is encouraged to plan at least one off-campus reading party after school to read and earn minutes together.
  - All parties should be held off-campus this year.
  - Parties should be run and coordinated by parent volunteers.
  - Requiring payment to participate in a Reading Rally Party is prohibited.
- Note: these class-planned reading parties are separate from the February 19, end-of-rally pizza parties, which are organized by Reading Rally Chairs and awarded to the Overall Top Reading and Pledge sections in each grade.
- Length: Up to two hours

### Additional questions? Please contact Reading Rally Chairs:

- Hallie Lewis and Lee Ellen Darden at [ReadingRallyChairs@gmail.com](mailto:ReadingRallyChairs@gmail.com)
- Classes Seven and Eight: Please contact Eileen Ohanian at [ehanian@pcstx.org](mailto:ehanian@pcstx.org)