September 16, 2026

Dear SJS Families,

We are so excited to launch one of our major fundraisers for the 2026-2027 school year - the SJS Run for Bucks! We want to encourage students to exercise, enjoy some playful competition, and have tons of fun in the process!

Our school-wide goal is to raise $75,000 to support our school programs and curriculums for the year so SJS can continue to provide a well-rounded and excellent education to our children. **The goal for each student/family is to raise at least $500.** Families that reach $500 will receive 3 volunteer/service hours.

The Run for Bucks Fundraiser is September 30th September. This does not give us a lot of time, but we need your help.

Starting today, we ask that each family:

1. **Create a PledgeStar fundraising page for your child or family** through your computer or Apple/Android phone or tablet app (see handout). It takes just a minute or two to set-up. Optionally, you can even customize your page by adding a photo of your child(ren) and personalizing your message.

2. **Send at least 10 donation requests** to family members, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc., through your PledgeStar fundraising page*. Donation requests can be sent via e-mail, text message, and you can even share your fundraising page through social media. (*Information is confidential and not shared with third parties.)

If you complete these two items by Wednesday, 9/23, your family will be awarded 1 parent volunteer hour.

There will be individual, class, and school-wide prizes, class parties, movie night, Principal for the Day for the top fundraiser, and Vice Principal for the Day for the second highest fundraising student. If we meet the Principal's challenge of raising $75,000, Mr. MacDonald will have his head shaved by the top student fundraisers from each class!!!

Attached you will find:

- A PledgeStar Info Sheet to get your online fundraising page set-up
- A Donation Form in case you receive cash or check donations. We will add these amounts to your PledgeStar page to accurately track your child's total and calculate class totals.

Thank you in advance for all your support in making this a successful Run for Bucks fundraiser and event! Email us with any questions at runforbucks@stjeromewestchester.org. Let's get started!

St. Jerome Student Support Organization (SSO)

St. Jerome School - Run For Bucks 2023
Online Fundraising System



For our Run For Bucks this year we're using PledgeStar, a web based fundraising system, that makes it **much easier** for you to request donations from your family and friends, and for them to make secure credit card, PayPal or check donations online. It's fun, it's easy, and we are hoping it will help us raise more money!

Our Run For Bucks event is coming up soon on September 30th, so please **register now** to help our school raise as much as we can for our many programs.

Using your computer's browser:

- **Go to http://pledgestar.com/stjerome**
- **Click "Not Registered For This Year's Event"**
- **Enter your (Parent/Guardian) name and email address, then click "Submit"**
- **Follow the instructions on-screen to register Runner(s) and add family and friends***

Using your Android or Apple phone or tablet:

- **Go to your device's App Store and search for "PledgeStar" to download the Family App, or go to https://pledgestar.com/stjerome/downloadapp.html**
- **On the home screen enter your event code: "stjerome" to locate your event**
- **Click "Not Registered For This Year's Event"**
- **Enter your (Parent/Guardian) name and email address, then click "Submit"**
- **Follow the instructions on-screen to register Runner(s) and add family and friends***

Families only have to sign up once no matter how many children are participating. This way, donors receive one donation request, and can make a single secure donation for all the children. Parents can see all donation activity from their family page, including how the donations were split for each child.

Customize your fundraising page by adding a photo of your child(ren) and writing a personalized message. You can even choose to send your donation request message in another language.

When you finish, the system emails donation requests to your family and friends and allows them to make secure donations online. You get notified each time a donation is made, and you can track your donation progress online. A thank you note is automatically generated as well.

If parents/Guardians would like to donate to their child(ren), you will need to send an email to yourself using Pledgestar's "Add Family & Friends".

Call PledgeStar at 1-888-598-7510 if you need help.

*PledgeStar does not use or disclose data collected on the website in any way beyond what is needed to email pledge requests, collect donations, send notifications, and provide reports. That means we don't share or sell or make participants' or donors' data available to anyone else, ever. Period.

St. Jerome School – Run for Bucks

2026 Donation Form

My family is participating in my school's annual Run For Bucks to raise funds to support our awesome school. Please help me reach my goal of $_____. Your donation to St. Jerome School is tax deductible. Thank you for your support!

Student Name(s):_____

Student Grade(s):_____

Sponsor's Name	**Sponsor E-mail address** (For donation receipt)	Donation Amount	Cash	Check
Example: Mrs. Donor	*xyz@gmail.com*	*$25*	✓	

Please make checks payable to St. Jerome School

Total Amount Enclosed: _____