

# The Academy of OLP Walkathon 2009

September 29, 2009

Dear Parents,

The Academy of Our Lady of Peace Walkathon is only a few weeks away! This annual fundraising event will take place on **Friday, October 16** (there is no rain date).

As a brief introduction, the Walkathon is a 45-minute event in which the children walk laps around a marked area in the school parking lot (weather permitting) or in the gym. Prior to the walk, the children obtain sponsors who pledge a donation for their efforts. The collected pledges allow the children to be eligible for prizes.

Before the Walkathon takes place, the children should obtain sponsors by contacting friends or relatives by phone. For safety reasons, we discourage the children from going door to door. All sponsors must be adults (18 years of age or older). Sponsors may pledge their donation per lap (minimum \$.25/lap) or as a flat rate.

On the day of the Walkathon, the children will wear their gym uniforms. Water stops will be provided during the walking period. Designated adults will mark each lap completed on a card that each child will receive that day. DJ music will add plenty of fun to the event.

After the Walkathon, the committee will mark each child's sponsor sheet with the actual number of laps he or she completed. The envelopes and sponsor sheets will then be returned to the children so that they may begin collecting their pledges.

Prize winners will be announced at a school assembly in mid-December.

*All pertinent information regarding the Walkathon will be sent home with the sponsor envelopes this week at a pep rally to kick off the event.*

Sincerely,  
The Walkathon Committee  
Jan Manger & Christine Buerle