

# GACC ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER 9/12/23

## Mrs. Peatrowsky's Blurp

It has been another exciting week of learning and growing in Christ. The past few weeks we have focused on procedures and routines. Students are doing a great job with all expectations.

At home, routines can establish important habits such as brushing teeth and going to bed on time. Routines can also help children understand the importance of time management.

Here are a few reminders (especially for our little ones) to help create a bedtime routine.

- Healthy bedtime snack
- Soothing bath
- Brushing teeth
- Settling in for a bedtime story read by mom or dad
- Saying prayer

Finally, a friendly reminder that students have a half day on Friday, September 22nd and will be dismissed at noon so teachers can attend Teacher Faith Formation with the Evangelium Institute.

Have a wonderful week.

God's Blessings,  
Mrs. Peatrowsky

## Important Dates

- 9/11- Homecoming Week
- 9/15- ALL school spirit day (Wear a Bluejay shirt with jeans)
- 9/22- Noon Dismissal
- 9/25- No School
- 10/11- No School (PT Conferences)
- 10/12, 10/13- No School (Fall Break)
- 10/18- Noon Dismissal (End of Quarter)

## Family Statements

Hard copy of tuition statements went home last week to families with a balance on their account. These will only go home again at semester and in May. You can find all of your account information (tuition, after school program, ECEC & cafeteria) on your Sycamore account.

## Life Runner Jerseys

Life Runner jerseys will be provided for Kindergarten student at no cost after going to the Life Runners website to sign up as a Life Runner. If you need a new jersey please contact **Sara Rolf at (402)380-8790**. Life Runner Jerseys will be worn the first Wednesday of each month with uniform bottoms.

## Teacher Faith Formation with the Evangelium Institute

### WHAT IS IT?

- 24 hours of faith formation for teachers required by The Archdiocese of Omaha
- Evangelium Institute staff provides 5-6 sessions towards those 24 hours
- EI Staff presents the truths of the Catholic faith to teachers & staff through engaging instruction, guided reflections, and small group activities
- Typically a "No School" or "Professional Development" day listed on the school calendar



SCAN ME

Learn more about how we are **INSPIRING FAITH** in your school's teachers!

Or visit [eicatholic.org/teacher-faith-formation](https://eicatholic.org/teacher-faith-formation)

**Reminder for pictures: You must use the code on your child's proof to order.  
THANKS!**

## FALL PHOTO MAKE-UP DAY IS COMING!

*Digital Solutions*  
SCHOOL • SPORTS • DANCE

WE WILL BE AT,  
ESTAREMOS EN,  
Guardian Angels  
Central Catholic

GET READY TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED ON  
PREPARATE PARA SER FOTOGRAFIADO EN

September 29, 2023



Now with more  
background choices!



## SMILE! IT'S YOUR BEST LOOK!

Questions? Please Contact us at  (402) 844-0004  
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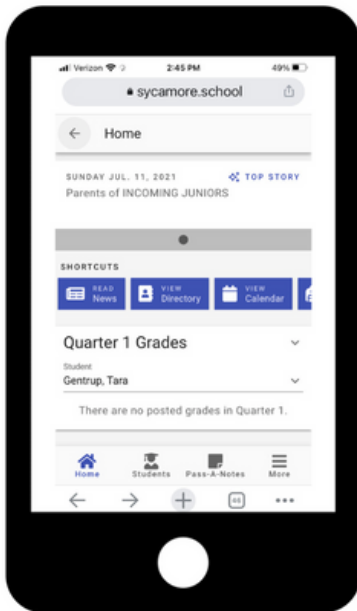
OR VISIT  DSSCHOOLS.COM



**Picture retakes are September 29th.**

# SYCAMORE SCHOOL



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## NEW MOBILE "WEB" APP

This "web" app is replacing the current app that is downloaded from the App Stores. It offers all the same features as our current app and much more to come. **Please, delete the old app and use this one!** In the new app, you are able to access documents attached to news articles and it shows your child's service hours.

To get started using the new app, simply, go to a web browser on your phone and type in [sycamore.school](http://sycamore.school). Notice, there is no www! Sycamore recommends using Safari on an iPhone and Chrome on an Android. You will be prompted for our school code (1189) and then your family username and password.

 **TIP:** You can, also, save this as an icon on your Home Screen for both Android and iPhone . Go to [sycamore.school](http://sycamore.school) in your browser. Click the **share button**  . Swipe up. Then, select **Add to Home Screen**.

**There are so many benefits in having the Sycamore app on your phone.**

- **Pass a Notes**
- **Lunch Menu**
- **Grades/ Assignments**
- **Account Information**
- **NEWS**

**Please download to stay "in the loop" of what our school has going on!**



# SPA NEWS

## Drive Through Supper

September 20th 5PM-7PM \$15 (NOTE: Venmo is a paying option)

**Meal:** Steak sandwich, cheesy hashbrowns, corn & a dessert

**PreSale forms:** Due September 15th to the GA or CC office

## Paper Trailer

September 16, 2023

Mitch and Danelle Ehrisman, Nick and Erica Eichelberger, Bernard and Julia Eilerts, Chad and Lisa Eisenmenger, Scott and Lindsay Eisenmenger, Derick and Amanda Engelbart, Joe and Amy Engelmeyer

**Blue Jay Spirit Shirts  
Shop Reopen 9/12-9/20**

## LOOKING AHEAD:

### Harvest Moon Family Night

October 10th 5:30PM-7:30PM

Forms due October 4th

**Meal:** Hot dogs, chips & water

## **Question or ideas?**

Reach out to SPA at:  
[spa@gaccbluejays.com](mailto:spa@gaccbluejays.com)



# DRIVE-THRU

*Supportive Parents Association fundraiser*

**SEPTEMBER 20 5:00-7:00 PM**

# DINNER

**@ GACC CAFETERIA**

## MENU

Steak Sandwiches  
Cheesy Hashbrowns & Corn  
Homemade Dessert

Catered by:

*Graybeal's*

## PRE-ORDER

*by*

## SEPT. 15

## \$15 PER MEAL

Meals must be pre-ordered and pre-paid by September 15, 2023. Cash or checks made GACC SPA. To order, return the form and payment to GACC office or St. Mary's Rectory you can pay with Venmo by using the QR code below - add "SPA Supper" in the notes.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Venmo:

Number of Meals \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15=

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Return form and payment to GACC office or St. Mary's Rectory

*or*

Add "SPA Supper" in the notes



# GACC Jay Run Pledge Packet

2023



Dear Parents,

This year we are holding our 2nd annual Jay Run at Neligh Park on Monday, October 2. This will be a fun-filled event for our K-12 students. Enclosed you will find a schedule that includes the times the students will head to the park to either run or walk laps. Parents, you are invited to come watch the event if you are able.

We are also using this event as a **fundraiser to support ongoing maintenance for the activity center and our fields**. We are asking students to participate in a pledge drive in order to raise funds. **This packet includes instructions on how to register students for the fundraiser and the different options our friends and family may contribute**. It is a simple process and allows you to make requests for contributions using the email addresses of prospective donors. Once you enter the prospective donor's email and click submit, they will receive a digital flier asking them to make a secure donation using a credit card. The online system keeps track of your pledges and automatically sends the donor a thank you and receipt. **In this packet you will also find a pledge sheet if your student has individuals who prefer to make a donation using cash or check**. Please read on for more detailed instructions. **Thank you in advance for helping support our schools!**

# Guardian Angels Central Catholic Jay Run

For our Jay Run this year, we're using an awesome [web based fundraising system](#) that makes it **much easier** for you to request pledges from your family and friends, and for them to make secure credit card donations online. It's fun, it's easy, and people who use it typically raise twice as much as those who don't!

Remember, our **Jay Run is October 2, so please register now** to help our school raise as much as we can for the activity center and field maintenance.

## Using your computer's browser:

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

## Using your Android or Apple phone or tablet:

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

When you finish, the system emails pledge requests to your family and friends, and allows them to make secure credit card donations online. You get notified each time a pledge is made, and you can track your pledge progress online. Call 1-888-598-7510 if you need help.

## Important Dates to Remember:

**October 2** - Jay Run and any paper pledge forms due in office.

**October 6** - All online pledges due that will count toward prizes.

## **PledgeStar-FAQ:**

### **Q: Do I need to use both the paper pledge sheet AND the PledgeStar website?**

A: No! We included the paper pledge sheets for families that prefer not to do fundraising using the web based option or who would like to use both options. If you use PledgeStar, you do not need to record any donations made through PledgeStar on your paper pledge sheet.

### **Q: I have more than one child at GACC. Do I have to set up more than one donation site on PledgeStar?**

A: No! PledgeStar is built to handle multiple children from one family. On the setup page, simply add “participants” until all of your children are listed. When sharing the same PledgeStar accounts, donations will be divided equally between your children under the same household. For example, if you donate \$200 and you have two children, each child will receive credit for \$100. If your children prefer to have separate PledgeStar accounts, then you will need to register with different email addresses per student.

### **Q: How do I (as a parent) donate to my own child’s fundraising efforts through PledgeStar?**

A: Easy! Just click on the Donate button on your child’s PledgeStar fundraising page. Alternatively, list yourself as an email recipient (it can be the same email you used to set up your account) on the “enter friends and family” section. When you send out donor request emails, you will get an email just like all your other friends and family. Simply click on the link in the email and donate to your child.

### **Q: Is credit card information secure using this new online system?**

A: Yes, by using the online PledgeStar website, all transactions are secure.

### **Q: I have already donated once through PledgeStar and would like to donate additional money.**

#### **Why won’t the website let me donate again? How can I make an additional donation?**

A: PledgeStar does not allow you to donate more than once to reduce the number of duplicate payments made in error. You have two options: 1) You can send in a check or cash through your student’s paper pledge envelope. 2) Send yourself a new PledgeStar request to a new email address.

### **Q: Who do I contact if I have additional questions or need extra help?**

A: For technical support, contact PledgeStar at 1-888-598-7510. For general questions about the Jay Run, please contact your school office.



## Jay Run 2023 Elementary Prizes

We have some great prizes this year for our top earners.

<b>Class Prizes</b>	<b>Top Earner Prizes</b>
Top 2 earning grades will get to vote and pick from the following: Grade Level Ice Cream Party	The top 3 earning students will win the following. 1st - \$100 Visa Gift Card
Choose for your School - PJ Day	2nd - \$50 Visa Gift Card
Crazy Sock Day or Crazy Hat Day	3rd - \$25 Visa Gift Card

**\*\*Grade levels with 80% or more Pledgestar Participation Teacher earns a \$15 Visa Gift Card.\*\***

### **Individual Raffle Prizes**

For every \$30 collected, students will automatically receive 1 raffle entry.  
For every 10 requests sent on Pledgestar, students will receive 1 entry into the raffle.

Free Fan Wear T-Shirt - 5 winners Principal for an Hour - 3 winners

Fast Food Lunch Out with Principal - 2 winners Free Fan Wear Sweatshirt - 2 winners

### **Big Ticket Entry**

**\*\*Note there will be 2 winners K-12 for the big ticket prizes\*\***

Any student who earns \$60 or more will be entered to win 1 of 2 prizes.

Fire HD 10 Tablet - 1 winner

Air Pods - 1 winner

## Jay Run 2023 High School Prizes

We have some great prizes this year for our top earners.

<b>House Prizes</b>	<b>Top Earner Prizes</b>
Top earning house will get to vote and pick from one of the following: House Ice Cream Party House Breakfast Pizza House Jean Day	The top 3 earning students will win the following. 1st - \$100 Visa Gift Card 2nd - \$50 Visa Gift Card 3rd - \$25 Visa Gift Card

\*\* Houses with 80% or more Pledgestar Participation House Dean earns a \$15 Visa Gift Card.\*\*

\*\*Top Earning House Receives 4 points.                      Second Place House 3 points.

Third Place House 2 points.                      Fourth Place House 1 point.

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Free Fan Wear T-Shirt - 5 winners Principal Parking Spot for a week - 4 winners

Free Lunch Out with Principal and friend - 2 winners

Free Fan Wear Sweatshirt - 2 winners

### **Big Ticket Entry**

\*\*Note there will be 2 winners K-12 for the Tablet & Headphones\*\*

Any student who earns \$60 or more will be entered to win 1 of 3 prizes.

Fire HD 10 Tablet - 1 winner

Air Pods - 1 winner

Fancy Vehicle Ride to Prom - 1 winner - High School Only

## Jay Run Pledge Sheet

Date of Event: Monday, October 2

Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ House: \_\_\_\_\_

If you choose to not use the online donation option with the Pledgestar program, you may use this pledge sheet instead. You may also consider using this sheet for family members who are more comfortable writing a check or giving cash. ***Please make a note as to which student(s) the donation is sponsoring.***

**● Please return this form to the office in an envelope marked with your student's name and grade level on it by Monday, October 2.**

NAME	Student(s) the donation is sponsoring	PHONE	PLEDGE AMOUNT	AMOUNT COLLECTED

TOTAL TO COLLECT: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>TO BE COMPLETED BY 2 EVENT STAFF: TOTAL RECEIVED:</b>
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# GACC Jay Run Schedule



Date: Monday, October 2

Where: Neligh Park

Run Times:

High School (7th- 12th) 9:10 a.m. to 9:40 a.m.

3rd - 6th Grades 9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

K - 2nd Grades 10:20 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

There will be a D.J. and popsicles for students!

Parents are welcome to come to the park and cheer on your students!

# Jay Run Course Map

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\*\*The yellow arrows represent the course map the students will run or walk. \*\*

\*\*The red arrow represents the location students will start and finish.\*\*

Start & Finish

