

St. Teresa of Calcutta School

Fundraising Program & Annual Fundraising Assessment

Understanding Our School Fundraising Program

We would like to provide some clarification regarding our school's fundraising program and the annual fundraising assessment.

Each fundraising opportunity throughout the school year has a specific purpose. We want to ensure that families clearly understand which fundraiser applies toward the annual fundraising assessment and how funds from our other fundraising activities are used to support our students, classrooms, and school community.

Annual Fundraising Assessment

Each family is assessed a \$350 annual fundraising fee as part of their tuition agreement.

Families have the opportunity to offset this assessment by participating in our Annual Walk-a-Thon, which is held each year on the Friday before Columbus Day.

The Walk-a-Thon

The Walk-a-Thon is the only school fundraiser that applies toward your family's \$350 annual fundraising assessment.

All funds raised by your child through the Walk-a-Thon are credited toward your family's fundraising obligation.

For example:

- \$350 or more raised: Your family's \$350 fundraising obligation is fulfilled.
- Less than \$350 raised: The remaining balance will be applied to your family's school account.

What if my child raises more than \$350?

We are incredibly grateful when families and students go above and beyond their fundraising goal.

However, amounts raised above the \$350 annual fundraising assessment will not be credited toward tuition or your school account.

Any funds raised beyond the \$350 assessment become a donation to St. Teresa of Calcutta School. These additional funds help support our school's operating budget and educational programs.

Additional School Fundraisers

Throughout the school year, St. Teresa of Calcutta School, the PTO, and other school organizations may sponsor additional fundraising events.

These fundraisers are:

- Separate from the \$350 annual fundraising assessment
- Completely optional
- Designed to support specific school initiatives
- Not credited toward the annual \$350 fundraising assessment

Monthly Dress-Down Days

Our monthly dress-down days are designed to support individual grade-level and classroom expenses.

Funds collected from monthly dress-down days are placed into an account designated for these expenses. When a teacher purchases approved items for their classroom, receipts are submitted to the school and the teacher is reimbursed from the funds raised through dress-down days.

These funds help provide teachers with additional resources and supplies to enhance the classroom experience for our students.

Special Dress-Down Collections

Some dress-down days will have a special collection or charitable purpose rather than supporting classroom expenses.

These may include:

- Food drives
- Veterans' causes
- Charitable organizations
- Community service initiatives
- Other special school-sponsored collections

When a dress-down day is designated for a special collection, families will be informed of the specific purpose and how the collected items or funds will be used.

Playground Fund

One of our ongoing fundraising priorities is our Playground Fund, which will help us make significant improvements to our school's playground and create an even better outdoor experience for our students.

Our Goal: \$120,000

Raised to Date 9/2026: \$46,021.67

Remaining to Reach Our Goal: \$73,978.33

We are incredibly grateful to all of the families, supporters, and community members who have contributed to the Playground Fund. Every donation brings us one step closer to reaching our goal and providing our students with an exciting, safe, and improved space to play, socialize, and enjoy time outdoors.

The Playground Fund is a designated fundraising initiative and is separate from the \$350 annual fundraising assessment. Contributions to the Playground Fund do not apply toward a family's fundraising assessment.

We will continue to provide updates as we make progress toward our **\$120,000 goal**.

SchoolStore Program

Our SchoolStore program is a convenient, 100% online classroom funding platform that allows families and supporters to help generate cash back and donations for St. Teresa of Calcutta School by shopping at hundreds of major online retailers or by directly gifting designated cards.

There is no door-to-door selling, and students do not need to handle cash. Families can participate from home while supporting classrooms throughout the school.

What SchoolStore Funds Support

Classroom Supplies

Basic classroom essentials such as pens, paper, notebooks, arts and crafts supplies, and other everyday materials.

Learning Materials

Books, educational games, instructional resources, and specialized materials that support student learning.

Equipment & Technology

Essential classroom technology, equipment, and tools that help teachers provide engaging learning experiences without requiring teachers to pay for these items out of pocket.

Other Fundraising Events

The school, PTO, and other school organizations may also hold additional fundraising events throughout the year. These events may support specific programs, activities, or improvement projects, including:

- PTO-sponsored activities and events
- Classroom enhancements
- Student programs and enrichment opportunities
- School facility improvements
- Charitable and community initiatives

Because these fundraisers are designated for specific purposes, participation is voluntary, and proceeds do not apply toward the \$350 annual fundraising assessment.

At a Glance

Fundraising Opportunity	Applies Toward \$350 Assessment?	Purpose
Annual Walk-a-Thon	Yes	Family's annual fundraising assessment
Monthly Dress-Down Days	No	Grade-level and classroom expenses
Special Dress-Down Collections	No	Food drives, veterans, charities, and other designated causes
SchoolStore	No	Classroom supplies, learning materials, and equipment
PTO Fundraisers	No	PTO activities and designated initiatives
Other School Fundraisers	No	Specific school programs, projects, or charitable causes

Our Gratitude

We are deeply grateful for the generosity and support of our St. Teresa of Calcutta School community.

Every fundraiser has a purpose, and every contribution helps make a difference. Whether you participate in the Walk-a-Thon, support a classroom through a dress-down day, shop through SchoolStore, contribute to a special collection, or participate in an optional school or PTO fundraiser, your support directly benefits our students and school community.

Thank you for your continued generosity, partnership, and commitment to St. Teresa of Calcutta School.