

## **Spell-a-thon 2018**

Dear Parents,

The success of St. Catherine of Siena School rests in our collaboration and dedication to the children as we strive to enhance their academic endeavors and to open as many doors as possible so students can discover their talents and reach their full potential. We are dedicated to the education of the whole child. Our cultural program is one of our greatest strengths. It allows us to go beyond the walls of the classroom and into the halls of theaters, opera houses, museums, and other intriguing places. It is a very expensive venture, but the success of our Spell-a-thon greatly increases our ability to provide these opportunities to our students. The average cost of each field trip continues to rise; the cost of the bus alone ranges from \$800-\$1000 per trip. Last year's Spell-a-thon raised over \$25,000. We hope we can greatly increase the amount raised this year in order to offset the ever growing cost of each field trip.

The Spell-a-thon is a fundraiser which allows the participation of every St. Catherine student, and in which every student benefits. It is our goal that we have 100% participation from all families. Students need to gather sponsors. There is no limit. The sponsor sheet is attached. Your child/ren will need your help and encouragement in gathering sponsors. They may solicit from parents, relatives, friends, neighbors, anyone! The only thing we ask is that there be no solicitation of classmates. Fill out the sponsors' names and the amount per word they wish to donate. After the Spell-a-thon, we will complete the amount due from each sponsor and return the sponsor sheet to each student to collect the monies raised. The monies should all be turned in to the classroom teacher or the school office by **Friday, March 16th**.

The Spell-a-thon test will be given Monday- Thursday, February 26th - March 1st, by the classroom teacher. It is a written test, and the word list is attached for the children to study at home. Awards will be given in the following categories:

- The top spellers in each class
- The student who collects the most money per class
- The student who collects the most money for the school
- The class that brings in the most money

Thank you for your continual support.

Sr. Antonella  
Principal, St. Catherine of Siena School

### **Important dates**

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| • Wednesday, February 7th    | Spell-a-thon forms distributed                      |
| • Thursday, February 15th    | Sponsor sheets due                                  |
| • M-F, Feb. 26th - March 1st | Spelling test administered by the classroom teacher |
| • Friday, March 16th         | Monies due  |